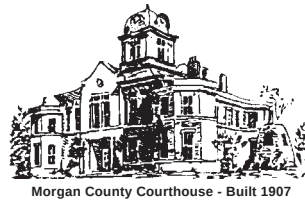


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Participants in the rescue squad's search and rescue drill held on Nov. 22 are pictured above with the agency's new Mobile Command Unit, which is a mobile office that can be transported to large-scale emergency scenes. Vehicle features include modern computer and communications equipment.

County rescue squad introduces new mobile command unit, hosts search and rescue drill

The Morgan County Rescue Squad hosted a search and rescue training drill for rescue squad members, fire department members, law enforcement officials, ambulance service employees and Red Cross volunteers on Saturday, Nov. 22, in the Lacy Creek area.

The drill took place following the coldest night this fall in a search area of approximately 500 acres. The area was segmented and rescuers were divided into teams to thoroughly cover the terrain.

The "lost" individual was a 25-year-old male who simulated a medical emergency while rabbit hunting. The subject was found unconscious, and was extracted from the area in the rescue squad Kubota to a waiting ambulance.

The exercise lasted approximately four hours, as members practiced search techniques, map, compass and GPS skills, as well as rescue techniques.

A dinner provided by Jimmy and Vonda Conley and Giovanni's was held after the

drill at the Morgan County Rescue Squad/Ambulance Service building.

This was the first time that the county's new Mobile Command Unit (MCU) was available for use. The trailer is a mobile office with a modern computer, printer and scanner, all topographical maps of Kentucky, radio communications, wall and filing cabinets, work tables, white board, a 7,200-watt diesel generator, full lights and electrical outlets, air-conditioning and heat.

The MCU allows on-scene

management of a large scale emergency, and will be very instrumental in a quick and efficient response. The MCU also allows the Incident Command System to be implemented as required by state and federal law.

Special thanks is extended to Judge Executive Tim Conley and the fiscal court, Mayor Bob Nickell and the city council, Frederick & May Lumber Co. and Mike Stacy's Country Carpet for financial support and materials in obtaining this much-needed piece of equipment.

Commonwealth will seek death penalty in kidnap-murder case

Morgan County Commonwealth's Attorney David Flatt plans to pursue the death penalty for Robin Mapel, the jail escapee charged with killing his ex-girlfriend recently in Morgan County.

Flatt told the Advocate that after meeting with his staff they agreed to pursue the death penalty in the case. He said the aggravating circumstances involved in the case, namely kidnapping and burglary, warrant the death penalty.

"It's a clear cut case," Flatt said.

Mapel, 43, is charged with killing his ex-girlfriend, Melissa Patrick, Nov. 10, outside her home in rural Morgan County. Authorities say she was shot multiple times with a 9 mm pistol.

The Morgan County Grand Jury indicted Mapel on Nov. 24 on charges of capital murder and kidnapping. He already faced charges in an unrelated case.

Mapel and Patrick, 38, according to authorities, had a sometimes turbulent relationship. Their 18-month-old son, Billy Wyatt Mapel, had reportedly been the source of some of the friction between the couple, authorities said.

Mapel was facing 50 years to life in prison on several previous charges when he escaped from the Montgomery County Regional Jail Oct. 16.

Three and a half weeks later Mapel reportedly appeared at Patrick's Morgan County home.

Patrick's mother, Sue Perkins, told the Mt. Sterling Advocate previously that Patrick called her that morning and said she was sick to her stomach. Sue and her husband, Robert, Patrick's stepfather, live down the hill from Patrick's home.

Mapel, who had been hiding behind a door, reportedly assaulted Robert Perkins when he went to check on Patrick, the Perkinses claim. Robert Perkins reportedly took Billy Wyatt to his home after the assault and retrieved an SKS rifle.

According to police, Robert Perkins fired one shot that reportedly struck Mapel as he fled with Patrick. The vehicle was discovered about an hour later about six miles away on Ky. 1162 (the Vance Fork Road) by Edgar



Robin Mapel

King, who reported finding it parked in his driveway with Mapel standing outside the car with a gunshot wound to the chest. Patrick was slumped in the passenger's seat dead from gunshot wounds.

The grand jury did not return an indictment against Robert Perkins on grounds that he fired in self-defense.

Mapel was on the run after his jail escape when the slaying took place. He was facing numerous charges, including kidnapping.

The escape, according to jail officials, occurred when Mapel, wearing street clothes, ran after he was let outside his jail cell on a work detail. He was permitted outside to help unload a commis-

See MAPEL Page 4

Blood Drive set today at Com. Center

Don't forget the blood drive today (Thursday). The need for life-saving blood is ongoing. The drive, sponsored by the Morgan County Lions Club and the Kentucky Blood Center, will be from 12 noon until 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Community Center on Prestonsburg Street.

Blood donors must be 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old blood donors must be have a signed parental permission slip.

Refreshments will be provided by the West Liberty Homemakers.

The Kentucky Blood Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring a safe, adequate blood supply for 67 Kentucky hospitals and clinics thanks to generous blood donors in 62 counties.

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Police warn of fraudulent fund solicitations

The West Liberty Police Department this week warned that citizens to be alert for fraudulent phone solicitations. Some citizens in the county have received calls from unidentified individuals claiming to be soliciting monies for Christmas presents for underprivileged children. Calls also have been reported claiming to be soliciting funds for the purchase of police ballistic vests.

The police department advised it is not associated with the latter and asks anyone who receives a phone solicitation they believe to be fraudulent to contact the law enforcement agency in their jurisdiction.

The West Liberty Police Department can be reached at 606-743-4385 or www.westlibertypd.com. Or call the Kentucky State Police at 1-800-222-5555.

MONDAY DEADLINE FOR NEWS AND ADS

News items and advertising submitted for publication in The Licking Valley Courier should be submitted by Friday of the preceding week and must be in our office before noon on Monday.

—Editor



More Salvation Army locations noted

Courier reporter Miranda James braved cold and snowy weather on Saturday, Dec. 6, to collect Salvation Army contributions at First National Bank as part of the organization's annual kettle ministry. The Morgan County Salvation Army service unit will be ringing bells at Bank of the Mountains at Index, Commercial Bank, First National Bank, IGA, Save-A-Lot and both Dollar General stores this holiday season. For more information, contact Cecil Griffin at 743-3255, Barry Evans at 743-3243 or Ricky Lewis at 743-3697, or write to 5168 Hwy. 1000, West Liberty, KY 41472.



Photo By Miranda C. James

Slick roads

Roads throughout the county became very slick when a round of unexpected winter weather hit Eastern Kentucky last Saturday morning. Pictured above is a snow-covered Main Street before it was salted by road crews. Lingering ice on side roads caused county schools to be dismissed Monday. Schools were again dismissed Tuesday morning due to a major break in a county water line.

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Celebrates first birthday

Happy first birthday to Issac Craig Litteral on December 9th.
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Mike Havens, at right, accepts a Kentucky Colonel Commission from Bob Metcalf, of Connersville, Indiana.

Mike Havens is presented Ky. Colonel's commission

"It's a real honor to be a Kentucky Colonel," Mike Havens once said while speaking of an acquaintance that was a recipient of this award.

On Sunday, Nov. 30, at his Hooten Hollow residence, at Mize, Mr. Havens had the honor of becoming a Kentucky Colonel. Mr. Bob Metcalf, of Connersville, Indiana, drove to Mize to make the presentation.

Metcalf and Mike Havens met at the Annual Stringbean Bluegrass Festival, in Jackson County, where Mike and his band, *Blue Mountain Grass*, were scheduled to perform. Mr. Metcalf was so impressed with Mike Havens that he decided to make the nomination for him to become a Kentucky Colonel.

After the selection was made, Mr. Metcalf contacted Debi Horton, who arranged for the surprise presentation.

While Mike was away from home with his lifelong buddies, Jerry Jackson and Mark "Hobo" Jackson, Mr. Metcalf, along with several of Mike's friends and family, gathered at his home. Mike was taken by complete surprise when he returned home to find this gathering at his home.

Following the presentation of the Kentucky Colonel Commission, everyone enjoyed a wonderful buffet style meal prepared by Debi and friends. Those present were Elmo Peyton, Jerry Wells, Glen Havens, Sylvia Nickell, Clara Jackson, Delbert Jackson, Hobo Jackson, Jerry Jackson, Ginger and Kenny Lykins and sons, Ben and Adam, Nick Nickell, Keith Prater, Carolyn and Donnie Prater, Dilyn Horton, Debi Horton, Bob Metcalf, Jackie, Randy, and Ryan Couch, Charlotte Oldfield, and Janie Collinsworth.



Pictured from left, Robin Cassity, Kenny Cox, and Pamela Burton, Administrator

West Liberty Nursing and Rehab. Employee Gala

On November 20th, West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center held its 14th annual employee gala. Staff enjoyed a fun filled evening of awards, games, prizes, and a delicious meal catered by Simple Elegance.

The awards ceremony is held to honor employees for their dedicated years of service to the residents of our facility. Special recognition was given to staff who met benchmark years of 3,

5, 10, and 20 years.

Robin Cassity, Food Service Manager, and Kenny Cox, Maintenance, were honored for their 20 years of dedication to the nursing facility.

West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center would like to thank each and every employee for their dedication and loyalty to the facility and residents that they care for each day.

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Monday, Dec. 15--Salisbury steak/gravy, stewed tomatoes, buttered corn, wheat roll, lemon pudding, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 16--Glazed ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, tropical fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 17--Chili con carne, crackers, creamy cole slaw, orange, chocolate pudding,

milk.

Thursday, Dec. 18--Chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, wheat bread, baked apples, milk.

Friday, Dec. 19--Sloppy Joe, baked beans, macaroni salad, bun fruit mix, milk.

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hand in hand. Because joined together we will always stand. I know of a time that is so great, family and friends come to celebrate, the fresh smell of cakes and candles, brings more company with all that handle them. I know of a time that is coming soon, to fulfill its duty of yearly bloom. It is now time for this merriment to arise, welcome, for now it is Christmas time.
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Gateway Community Action Head Start Enjoys Trick-or-Treating



Seven local head start classrooms recently attended two days of fun and excitement at the Department of Community Based Services. DCBS office staff decorated for the event and handed out treats to the children. Gateway Community Action Head Start would like to thank all those who participated in this event.



Pictured above (left to right) are Mrs. Lucy Moore, KJM regional director; Miss Susan Ahmadi, Rowan County's junior miss; Miss Hannah Oliver, Montgomery County's junior miss; Miss Lara Turner, Morgan County's junior miss; and Miss Bridgett Fannin, choreographer for the Morgan County program.

Lara Turner to participate in state Junior Miss pgm.

Morgan County's Junior Miss, Lara Turner, attended the Kentucky Junior Miss orientation on Nov. 2, at the Raddison Hotel in Lexington. The state program will be held Jan. 16-17, 2009, at the

Singletary Center for the Arts in Lexington.

Lara and the other 30 Junior Miss participants from across the state heard from state chairman, Buddy, Hoskinson, and other

guest speakers.

Lara will be participating with the second group of young ladies, and her contestant's number is 11. She will be performing in the categories of fitness and self-expression on Friday evening, and will complete the talent portion on Saturday.

Tickets are now on sale at the ticket office, and one may call 859-257-4929.

The official florist is Best of Flowers; phone number is 859-2666-4682.

The young ladies will spend Junior Miss Week, Jan. 11-17, preparing for the state finals, as well as being involved with other activities.

Lara is the daughter of Angie Turner and Jon Turner, of West Liberty. The local Junior Miss Scholarship Program is sponsored by the GFWC/KFWC Morgan County Woman's Club.

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(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Morgan County Project Development Board has scheduled a Public Hearing on the proposed court of Justice Facility for West Liberty, Kentucky for Thursday, December 11, 2008 at the Morgan County Office Building, Conference Room, 450 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY 41472. The hearing will be from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. For details on the proposed project you may call (606) 743-3897, Morgan County Judge/Executive, Monday-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (except Wed. 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.). Property owners who desire that their properties be considered for the proposed facility are encouraged to tender plats of their property(ies), asking price, and statements of any known historical or environmental concerns. Oral or written comments may be presented at the public hearing.
C-11-27-3t
(Pub. Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 888-0096, Transfer
In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Morgan County Coal, Inc., 989 Stevens Branch Road, Martin, Kentucky 41649, intends to transfer permit #888-0092 to C & R Holding of Eastern Kentucky, LLC, 417 E. Mountain Parkway, Salyersville, Kentucky 41465. The new permit number will be 888-0096. The operation will disturb approximately 160.84 acres of surface acres and underlies 0.00 acres, making a total area of 160.84 acres within the permit boundary. No new acreage is affected by the transfer. The operation is located on the White Oak and Lennox U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute Quadrangle Map and located 0.04 mile North of Matthew in Morgan County, along the waters of Tarklin Branch. The operation is approximately 0.04 mile north from Route KY 364 junction with KY 3333 and 0.03 miles west of Tarklin Branch. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits; #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.
C-12-11-1t

PROPOSED AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 12-08-08
An ordinance for Morgan County, Kentucky, Code Of Ordinances, Business Regulations, Chapter 1, Occupational License Tax And Relating To The Imposition And Administration Of An Occupational License Requirement, And Payment Of An Occupational License Tax By Persons And Business Entities Conducting Businesses, Occupations And Professions With Morgan County, Kentucky.
WHEREAS, the General Assemblies amended KRS Chapter 67 to provide uniform definitions and administration of the occupational and business license taxes by requiring local governments to utilize the same formulas and reporting requirements for collecting the occupational license tax and net profit tax.
WHEREAS, the County of Morgan, Kentucky, desires to be in compliance with KRS 67.750-67.790 and deems it necessary and desirable that changes be made to existing ordinance imposing occupational license taxes on persons and business entities conducting businesses, occupations, and professions within Morgan County, Kentucky, so that the assessment and payment of Occupational License Taxes can be administered more efficiently.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Fiscal Court of Morgan County, Kentucky, that the Occupational License Tax shall be amended to eliminate the portion which imposes a "net profit" tax. A copy of said ordinance is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
GIVEN FIRST READING and passed by a vote of 4 ayes, 1 nays, at a duly convened meeting of the Morgan County Fiscal Court held on this 8th day of December, 2008.
Approved:
Timothy Conley,
Morgan County Judge-Executive
Randy Williams,
Morgan County Court Clerk
C-12-11-1t

Snow and ice removal priorities
The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department of Highways has established priority routes for snow and ice removal for the upcoming winter season in Morgan County.
The Department of Highways is responsible for keeping approximately 255 miles of state-maintained roadway in Morgan County passable in inclement weather. It sets snow removal priorities according to the amount and nature of traffic on the routes within each individual county. Priority A routes include major through routes and are those most heavily traveled. Priority B routes include other important, but lesser traveled, routes in the county. Other roads fall into Priority C.
In Morgan County, Priority A highways are the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway, US 460, KY 7, KY 203, KY 205, KY 519 and a portion of KY 172. Priority B routes include KY 134, KY 191, KY 1010 and portions of KY 172, KY 705, KY 772 and KY 946. Other routes are Priority C.

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GM not targeting rural dealers in reorganization

Dec. 9 — Auto dealers “believe they are on the chopping block, whatever happens to the Detroit automobile companies,” reports Clifford Krauss of **The New York Times**. “But instead of closing small town dealerships, it’s the big city dealerships that are being targeted,” at least by **General Motors**, reports Kevin Davis of **WXXV-TV**, News Channel 25, in Waco, Tex.
“All three carmakers have told Congress they need to cut their dealer networks as a fundamental element of their survival plans,” Krauss notes. General Motors, for example, says it plans to cut its dealer numbers to 4,700 from 6,400. Eight years ago, it had 8,150. “That network is a legacy of the era when GM controlled 60 percent of the domestic market, instead of 20 percent or so today. The high number of dealerships means too little business for each, and it also means General Motors is paying higher transportation costs to send vehicles and spare parts to multiple dealerships.”
Davis reports, “Given the financial apocalypse GM is facing, it would make sense to consolidate dealers into big cities And yet GM has announced it’s doing the exact opposite. ... In a plan drafted to members of Congress, GM states the reduction ‘will occur primarily in metropolitan and suburban areas where GM has too many dealers to serve the market. ... GM’s distribution strength in rural areas, which is a significant competitive advantage, will be largely preserved.’” Why? The manager of a GM dealership Lampasas, Tex., told Davis that GM has an advantage in rural areas that have no import dealers.
Nationally, dealers “argue that they invested millions of dollars in their dealerships, buying the land, building the facilities and providing services for customers. They also said that they build good will for automobile companies by supporting local Little League teams and other charities,” Krauss writes. “But while leaders of dealer associations want to keep the number of dealers as high as possible, they see no other option than to support the Detroit companies’ efforts in Congress, even when those plans explicitly call for fewer dealers.”
—Ky. Institute for Rural Journalism

Community papers remain stable despite dire forecasts

Dec. 3 — Several cities are likely to lose their daily newspapers in the next two years because the recession will deepen and some newspaper companies will default on debt and go out of business, Fitch Ratings said in a report on media companies yesterday.
But just as the report was coming out, a group of community newspaper publishers went public with their plan to boost their sector of the industry, which is doing much better than metropolitan papers.
First, the bad news: Fitch, a subscriber-based credit rater, said in its 2009 outlook for the U.S. media and entertainment industries, “Fitch believes more newspapers and newspaper groups will default, be shut down and be liquidated in 2009 and several cities could go without a daily print newspaper by 2010.”
Mark Fitzgerald of Editor & Publisher writes, “Fitch is generally pessimistic across the board, assigning negative outlets to nearly all sectors from Yellow Pages to radio and TV and theme parks. But the newspaper industry is the most at risk of defaulting, it says. . . . Fitch rates the debt of two newspaper companies, The McClatchy Co. and Tribune Co. as junk, with serious possibilities of default. It also assigns a negative outlook to both the companies and the newspaper sector, meaning their credit ratings are likely to deteriorate further.”
But to such observers, the newspaper industry generally means daily, metropolitan papers. Circulation and advertising declines have been much less at weekly papers and smaller dailies, the sort of papers that belong to the National Newspaper Association.
—Ky. Institute for Rural Journalism

Kentucky Farm Bureau to focus on renewable fuels industry in 2009

Dec. 6 — Kentucky Farm Bureau officials say that expansion of the state’s renewable fuels industry will be a primary focus of the organization during the 2009 session of the Kentucky General Assembly.
The group will also ask lawmakers to deal with critical livestock issues and environmental concerns, and will work to protect private property rights for farmers.
Farm Bureau’s voting delegates adopted dozens of pages of policy statements during the closing session of the group’s 89th annual meeting in Louisville and the Board of Directors approved condensed lists of priority issues for the year ahead.
Protecting agriculture’s programs and services during the upcoming session of the General Assembly will be challenging, says KFB Public Affairs Director Laura Knoth.
“Kentucky’s farming industry has just come off a growth year and is one of our state’s bright spots in an otherwise strained economy,” Knoth said. “We will want to make sure that progress is allowed to continue.”
With forecasts of continuing declines in state revenues, the Farm Bureau directors said allocation of half the state’s tobacco settlement funds to finance agricultural diversification will continue to be a top priority.
Recent studies have indicated that the funds have produced positive economic results, boosting job numbers and increasing farm income.
The ag development program got an important endorsement at a Public Affairs Breakfast held earlier in the day. State Rep. Tommy Thompson, who heads the Kentucky House of Representatives Banking and Insurance Committee said he supports earmarking the funds for farm projects.
“We need to make sure those moneys continue to go there, because we’ve seen the benefits,” Thompson said. “We’re getting dividends for those funds going to promote diversification.”
Other state legislative priorities include:
*Limit local governments’ ability to enact farming regulations that are more stringent than state rules
*Achieve reductions in wildlife populations to reduce crop losses and combat higher numbers of vehicle-animal collisions
and the resulting damage and potential for injury
*Protect farmers’ ability to raise livestock using approved agricultural practices
*Ensure that steep increases in property taxes are subject to voter referendum
On the national level, Farm Bureau plans to closely monitor the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s implementation of the new farm bill through its rule-making process.
The group will ask Congress to eliminate a new mandate that producers purchase crop insurance to establish eligibility for crop disaster payments.
Farm Bureau is asking for increased oversight of commodity markets to reduce manipulation of cash markets and the resulting artificial price swings. The group also plans to work with Congress and federal agencies to ensure that environmental restrictions growing out of concerns over climate change do not adversely affect ag producers.
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DAV Names Greg Perry As New Chaplain

Greg Perry, center, new chaplain of Morgan County Chapter 132, Disabled American Veterans, accepts a Bible from DAV Commander Shorty Terry, right, and 7th District Senior Vice Commander Richard Henson, left. Perry, a dedicated man of God, was sworn in as chaplain by Henson. "The DAV is honored to have Perry as chaplain, and it's a great honor to have him in our organization," said Terry.

Lower Elkfork

By Alpha Clevenger

Dec. 1--Sympathy is extended to those who are bereaved. Get well wishes to the sick and shutins.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests were Barry and Dempsey Clevenger. The others didn't get to make it that day. I sure did miss having them for Thanksgiving dinner but they came and ate with me later. I was happy they did. I'd cooked so much food for them all. We're so thankful for our family and love to have them visit and eat with us. It makes our day. I love them dearly.

I called Joy recently and asked her if Dale could come and check my automatic washer as it had been out for a while. I really missed it and he came and fixed it for me. Later it went out again. I'll have to get another one. Thanks for helping me.

Barry came down Wednesday and got water and stayed a while with me and went on back home. I had to go that day and pay bills and when you get your pay check, it takes it all to pay your bills and everything is high and expensive. Milk and groceries are getting higher every day. I guess anyone could save a little if we didn't drink milk, and buy bread. I always buy the whole wheat bread and it's expensive. That's the kind I have to have. I wish the prices would come down on food and other items.

Today is Saturday, Dec. 6, and it's been snowing all morning real fine now and it's covered the ground already but I don't know how much it will snow. It's about to stop at the present time.

How are you Jewell Lewis? Hope you are fine. Haven't seen you in a while or talked to you. How do you like this winter cold and bad winter as we've already had a lot of real cold and snowy weather, and we've got a lot of winter time yet to come, but I think I'll take spring and summer

instead of cold winter weather, but we have to take it as it comes. I used to like the winter best but that was when I was younger and as we grow older we chill more when we get out. I hate when I have to get out and go to the store and try to take my daily walks.

Karen Lewis, of Louisa, called me recently. Good to hear from her. She said she had been on the sick list for a while. I told her I had been sick for a while, too. Get well wishes to her, and God bless you.

Alpha talked to Joy on Friday. They were fine and staying in and trying to keep warm on these cold, snowy days.

I was in town recently and met up with a good friend and a nice lady, Wanda Combs. I have known her for a long time. She and I attended the same church some time ago. I always loved her as a good friend. It was good to see her again.

I met up with Rev. Gary Fields in town recently. He was nice and friendly. He's the pastor at Glenn Avenue Church of God, in West Liberty, and delivers good sermons to the congregation at each service. We listen to Rev. Vernon Lewis and all the others each Sunday on the radio station W.L.K., West Liberty. Keep up the good work for the Lord. We need more people to work for Him in these trying times and so much evil in this world of sin and trouble.

How are you Sue Kinner? Hope you and Earl are fine and enjoying this snow that we have. I think the snow is beautiful, but we can't get out very much. When the temperatures are down and so cold I'm so thankful to have good, warm heat when the weather is bitter cold. The Bible says He will supply all our needs, now our wants but our needs.

Belated happy birthday to my brother-in-law, Elvin Clevenger, on Dec. 1st. May you have many more. Get well wishes to your wife, Marlene.

Christmas will soon be here and gone and a new year will begin. I hope it will be a good year and our loved ones will be saved and go to church and serve the Lord. That would make us happy.

I have been sitting here writing and watching Sister Margaret on W.L.J.C. and all the singers. They sure did a real good job singing tonight. Such beautiful songs. I enjoyed watching them. It gave me a lift.

Pray for our soldiers that can't be home for Christmas and can't be with their families for the holidays. It's so sad for them. May God bless each one of them over there on foreign land. Comfort all their families in their sorrow and loss.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to The Courier and staff, and everyone everywhere.

How are you Aunt Nancy, Zerillia, Ceola, and Charles? Sometimes I forget to mention your names in my column. Maybe I can stop in and see you sometime when I'm over there. I haven't been over that way for a long time. I think of you often and remember all the times that Hassan and me and the children would go and spend all day with you and eat a meal with you. Aunt Nancy was the best cook ever. I think about the good old days and wish I could relive them once again. Merry Christmas to you all.

BE CAREFUL OUT THERE

By D.A. Stamper

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By Estelle Caskey

Dec. 8 - Our deepest sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones.

Many thanks to Dr. James D. Frederick and all the staff at Morgan County ARH who provided me with excellent care in the emergency room and during my recent hospitalization. We Morgan Countians are so very fortunate to have such knowledgeable, thoughtful and considerate medical personnel in our community.

Many thanks for all the thoughtful cards I received during my recent illness from Mrs. Julia McKenzie, Mrs. Reva Hutchinson, Mrs. Joyce Ferguson and Mrs. Emily Elam. My brother, William A. "Bill" Davis Jr., and daughter-in-law, Barbara Davis, of Xenia, Ohio, spent last Thursday night with Estelle and Louise Caskey.

We welcome the Daniel Keeton family to our community. Estelle and Louise Caskey

visited last Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Reva Hutchinson.

Mrs. Della Banks and Mrs. Joyce Ferguson were in Morehead last Saturday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Garrick Ratliff and son, Garrison Lee.

Estelle and Louise Caskey visited one day last week with Mrs. Ruth Litsakos in Lexington. Mrs. Patty Hilderbrand called on Estelle and Louise Caskey last Wednesday.

Arthur Robert Johnson, who was recently a patient at the VA Hospital in Lexington, is home and his reportedly feeling better each day.

Little Asher Gamble, 7-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gamble, is home after spending a few days in Morgan County ARH for treatment of flu symptoms. He is reported to be feeling much better.

Mrs. Josephine Hicks reports that she visited with Vanessa Johnson at Wal-Mart in Morehead on Friday, and that Vanessa is feeling better.

Household Hints

• To unclog drains, apply 1/4 box of baking soda to the drain, along with one cup of white vinegar. Let it stand for about 10 minutes, and flush the drain with hot water.

• Glass scratches are not so noticeable after polishing with furniture polish.

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• Out of shoe polish? Leather and patent leather shoes can be shined by rubbing over them with the inside of a banana peeling.

• It is reported that flu symptoms include fever, headache, chills, body aches, tiredness, dry cough, sore throat and nasal congestion.

• Reportedly, covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands frequently and keeping hands away from the eyes, nose and mouth will help to keep cold and flu viruses from spreading to others.

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- Make sure your water heater is in good condition and keep the water temperature between 115-120 degrees. Even consider getting a tankless water heater that only heats the water you need.
- Limit your time spent in the shower to cut down on hot water usage. You can also install aerators to save on the amount of water you use while showering - this will cut down on the amount of hot water you use.
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Good sleeping habits can relieve stress during the holiday season

This year will be remembered as one of the most collectively stressful times in U.S. history, and it is taking its toll on the emotional and physical health of all Americans, making healthy sleep one of the most important AND affordable coping mechanisms available to all.

New survey data from the American Psychological Association shows that more than half of all Americans report irritability, anger, fatigue and sleeplessness. Almost half say that they self-medicate by overeating or indulging in unhealthy foods. Now, add to this holiday traveling, trimming the tree, fighting mall crowds, partying, drinking a nd over indulging, and it equals merry holidays that become scary holidays – with the potential to add to your waistline.

A recent study presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies showed that when study participants slept only five-and-a-half hours a night, they consumed more snacks. Further, the carbohydrate content of the snacks they chose increased. Basically, they had more time to eat and sought quick energy, comfort foods – the kind that add unwanted pounds fast.

“Chronic stress like we are experiencing this year with the economy weakens the immune system, disturbs sleep, increases appetite, raises blood pressure and leads to unhealthy habits,” says B.T. Westerfield, M.D., sleep specialist and medical director of the Sleep Disorders Centers. “Because the stress is seemingly uncontrollable, people should pay more attention to the free coping mechanisms they have control over, like sleep.”

When either sleep quality or quantity suffer, it leads to increased irritability, emotional instability, depression, memory problems, diminished immunities, decreased vigilance, performance problems and increased stress, decreased resistance to illness and even weight gain – all undesirable at any point, but especially during this holiday season.

“Healthy sleep is within your control and it’s free,” says Dr. Westerfield. “Respect your sleep need so you’ll be better able to handle the day. Adults need seven to eight hours of sleep nightly. To fit sleep in during the holidays, I have five tips to help you have visions of sugar plums.”

- Have a holiday sleep routine to cue your body to wind down,

- including warm milk, cookies, Christmas carols, a Christmas story and then off to bed.
- Watch holiday drinking and smoking. Alcohol is sedating and even in small doses makes a sleepy person sleepier. Nicotine in cigarettes is a stimulant making it harder to sleep, so QUIT./ Don’t forget caffeine. It’s not just coffee and tea, but chocolate too – it disrupts sleep.
- Don’t skip exercise; it promotes sleep. Hang lights, walk at lunch and take stairs. If dinner is late, eat light. Indulging works a digestive system on overtime, making it harder to sleep.
- Watch for sleepy drivers in busy driving times. They’re as dangerous as drunk drivers. If you’re heading over the river and through the woods – don’t drive sleepy. Avoid driving from midnight to 7 a.m. If you’re sleepy, stop and take a break.
- Kids have a sleep need, too. Television specials, school vacation and parties get kids’ schedules out of whack. To keep family peace, meet their sleep need. Maintain regular sleeping and waking times, even on vacation. By respecting your sleep need, and the sleep needs of your family members, you’ll make your holidays more enjoyable.

THE BOOKWORM’S SHELF

By Gayle Deaton

While at the Kentucky Book Fair last month, I agreed to serve as Regional Liaison, in our part of the state, for next year’s Book Fair, and when I wondered aloud if publicizing books and authors from this year’s event might be a good way to familiarize folks in each county with the caliber of what’s actually offered there, the idea was readily approved. Hence, the column you’re reading. (Each week you’ll also find here the current bestseller lists from Joseph-Beth Booksellers and *The New York Times*.)

A perennial favorite at the Kentucky Book Fair, **David Dick** is a veteran of news reporting. 30 years ago last week, he barely dodged a bullet (literally) by arriving a day later than planned in Jonestown, Guyana, the day after the murders/suicides took place there. His reporting on that tragedy for CBS News won him great acclaim; he’d already won an Emmy for his story on the attempted assassination of George Wallace in 1972.

After retiring to Kentucky from the CBS network, and publishing two weekly newspapers before retiring again, he continues writing articles and books for a grateful public despite a long battle with prostate cancer. His latest and 13th book is *Let There Be Light – The Story of the Rural Electrification in Kentucky*, which chronicles how, until the mid-1930s (and well beyond, in some areas), much of rural Kentucky went dark each day after the sun set, and how the arrival of electricity made huge changes in lives and landscapes.

(I must interject here that David Dick is a gentleman and humanitarian in the nth degree. In 1997 when I was in the second of four chairmanships of the Breathitt County Relay For Life, David accepted my invitation to be our emcee. Knowing his health condition, I reserved a motel room for him and his lovely wife Lalie, and fully expected them to leave after the luminary ceremony. Wrong! He never left the track, all night long....)

Back with a third book this year was **Dr. Richard Holl**, a Maryland native and professor of history at Hazard Community and Technical College, who completely departed from his previous books’ subjects (the Roosevelt years and a Kentucky history) by turning out *Wildcats in Turmoil: the 2007-2008 Basketball Season*. It covers what’s considered UK’s “break-even” year with Coach Billy Gillespie, newly hired and adjusting to the discovery that Kentucky fans have extremely high expectations of their coaches! The book explores Coach Gillespie’s philosophies and his very public but equally-private personal life, and describes his past and current exploits in basketball. The first 40-odd pages give a great look at past UK roundball coaches, their standout players, and memorable games.

Rich says he has always been a sports nut, and had a good time researching and writing this book, which is dedicated to his father. (A personal note to his students: *Get him to show you a recent picture of the adorable little girl he and his wife Jodie went to Russia to adopt two years ago!*)

This week’s **Top Ten** fiction bestsellers at Joseph-Beth are:

- The Shack (William P. Young)
- Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen (Susan Gregg

- Gilmore)
- Hot, Flat, and Crowded (Thomas L. Friedman)
- Three Cups of Tea (Greg Mortenson)
- The Brass Verdict (Michael Connelly)
- The Story of Edgar Sawtelle (David Wroblewski)
- The Other Queen (Philippa Gregory)
- Rough Weather (Robert B. Parker)
- World Without End (Ken Follett)
- The Last Lecture (Randy Pausch)
- (Of these, I’ve read *Three Cups of Tea* and loved it [and was moved to tears by Mortenson’s selfless dedication to founding schools in India] and *The Last Lecture* [the fact the title was so prosaic for the late Randy Pausch made this one equally moving but it is truly wonderful reading]).
- Here are the **NY Times’ Top Ten** fiction bestsellers:
- Cross Country (James Patterson)
- The Christmas Sweater (Glenn Beck, with K. Balfe & J. Wright)
- The Private Patient (P.D. James)
- The Hour I First Believed (Wally Lamb)
- Divine Justice (David Baldacci)
- Just After Sunset (Stephen King)
- A Mercy (Toni Morrison)
- The Gate House (Nelson DeMille)
- Dashing Through The Snow (Mary & Carol Higgins Clark)
- The Story of Edgar Sawtelle (David Wroblewski)
- (And for all you Nicholas Sparks fans, *The Lucky One*, about a Marine just home from Iraq and on a romantic quest, will probably be on this list next week – as I write it’s on the way up, from #11!)
- Questions or comments? E-mail me @ gedeaton@bellsouth.net.

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String Along Quilt Guild meeting held Tuesday, Nov. 18

String Along Quilt Guild met Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m. President Libby Hammonds led the group in the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Maudie Nickell, acting secretary in the absence of Janie Collinsworth. Sandra Tyree gave the treasurer’s report. Both were approved as read.

Six members participated in the quilt block exchange that was scheduled for the November meeting. Those participating in this activity each received thirty 12 inch blocks.

During the meeting, Sharon Peyton demonstrated the making of a cloth bell to be used as a Christmas ornament. She also showed a heart shaped ornament she made.

During roll call members turned in 35 wheelchair caddies to be donated to West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The group has been invited to the nursing home on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m., for a visit and also for recognition for the donations they have made to the nursing facility.

The upcoming Christmas meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16, in West Liberty. There will be a potluck meal, and for those that wish to participate, there will be a \$5 gift exchange.

The annual quilt block competition among members is set for January 28, 2009. These blocks will be judged and then donated to the guild to be completed into a raffle quilt. First, second and third place winners will receive ribbons.

Those attending the November 18th meeting were Betty Black, Blanche Black, Libby Hammonds, Eleanor Holbrook, Sue Kinner, Maudie Nickell, Linda Perry, Sharon Peyton, Wilma Reed, Penny Rogers, Sandra Tyree, Blondell Williams, Glois Williams, and Oedith Wright.

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Who's turn is it to get the milk?

Another time, another place - West Liberty in the 1930s

By W. Lynn Nickell

Dr. Sparks had an office upstairs in the Jim Oney building when I was a child. I broke my collarbone (clavicle) when I was nine or 10 years old, and Mother took me to see him.

I can remember very vividly this office and an unusual incident happening there at the time. After he set my collarbone, he broke a rung from a cane bottom chair, making a splint and taping it to my shoulder!

After the death of his wife, Florence Hutchinson Sparks, in 1948, he sold his property in the early 1950s to Woodrow Stamper to build Stamper Motel. Dr. Sparks's son, Winfred Sparks, built him a small house on Riverside Drive, just across the street from where I live today.

Dr. Sparks owned property on Riverview that contained a pasture field and a barn. He also had a barn behind his house along Riverside Drive, which was his winter barn. He kept the cow in this barn in the winter, and in the barn with a pasture field in the summer. In the 1950s, it was a status symbol to have two cars. Well, one might say that Dr. Sparks was a "two-barn man!"

In 1937, my dad, J. Blaine Nickell, bought property from Jim Franklin to build a house at the south end of West Liberty. There was a large barn located on the site that had to be torn down in order to build his house. Mose Turner scooped out the basement with a mule and scraper, and Bill Johnson cut the stone and laid the basement.

Hayden Ratliff, Charlie Lykins and Roger Phipps built the house, and we moved in during the fall of 1938. Moving from the center of town to our new location was like moving out in the country. In those days, it practically was the country.

(Hayden Ratliff and crew also built the home of my granddad, Monroe Nickell, commonly called the Cortis Stacy house, as well as my house. That is three generations of our family!

Moving into the new house was an exciting time for us three children - Betty Jean, 14; Merle, 12; and myself, 10. It was a great time to be alive and live in West Liberty.

Merle and I did the same thing as most kids in town did. We had



Dr. and Mrs. Rueben Sparks lived in this imposing house on South Main Street. There was a milk cellar on the left to the rear of the house. Directly behind the house was a barn. Dr. Sparks sold the house to Woodrow Stamper, who razed it to build Stamper Motel. The house was built by Wiley Franklin.



The J. Blaine Nickell house was built in 1938 and is presently owned by Merle and Gerleen Nickell.

chores to do, but they differed from those of farm boys, and included mowing grass, as well as working in the garden and in Mother's flower beds, etc.

Mowing our lawn with the old reel-type mower kept us busy in the summer. Besides mowing other lawns to earn spending money. Dad was very particular about the lawn, especially since he never mowed it! The old reel-type push mower wouldn't cut "rat tails," so they had to be cut with a hand sickle. We seemed to always have a bumper crop of

plantain in the lawn.

(Plantain is a low-growing weed with long, slender spikes of small flowers.)

There were two steep terraces in front of our house, which became the subject of many heated arguments as to who would mow them. Being the smallest, I usually got to mow the small terrace, and Merle had to mow the big terrace.

The original property included property from the Jim Franklin line to the Jim Oney

line. We had a large garden located where Steve McKenzie lives now. Merle and I had to work in the garden and help mother in the flower beds. Hence, both of us have a pretty good knowledge of gardening and raising flowers.

Mother was an authority when it came to flowers. Growing up in Chicago, in a second floor apartment, instilled in her a love for the outdoors - she seemed to never get enough of being outside.

Betty Jean had to help with the household chores.

Perhaps the one thing my brother and I argued the most about was "going to get the milk," as we called it. We got milk from Mrs. Sparks. They had a cellar beside and to the rear of the house. After Dr. Sparks milked and brought the milk from the barn to the cellar, Mrs. Sparks would process it and leave a half gallon of milk for us on the cellar steps, where one of us would pick it up. The milk job was assigned to Merle and me.

After supper each evening, Merle and I would go to town, and it seemed everyone else did! Not much went on, but we didn't want to miss it if it did!

It was important to see who was on the 6 p.m. bus, how many buses were running, if *The Lexington Leader* and *Kentucky Post* newspapers arrived, if the movie film for Rex Theater arrived, who was driving the bus, what boys were coming home on leave or leaving for the service, and if there were any pretty girls on the bus.

Walking to town was a pleasant summer event I will never forget. In the spring, the "spring frogs" would be doing their thing with loud mating calls along Long Branch. Their calls were interrupted by greetings from the ladies living along the street.

(Most all the women living on the street would have their evening meal over early so they could sit on their front porches in swings or rocking chairs.)

From our house, I would walk past the houses of Tissie Oney, Florence Sparks, Ida Keeton, Ett Wells, Florence McClain, Sudie Reed and Barletta Wrather, and they all would greet me with a "How are you this evening, Lynn?"

Some evenings on the way back from town, it wasn't too late



Dr. R.D. Sparks was born in Lawrence County, and was a practicing physician in Morgan County for 64 years. After he graduated from the Louisville School of Medicine at the age of 23, he began practicing on Elkfork in Morgan County. He later moved to West Liberty. He was proud of his delivery of 5,010 babies, with 280 sets of twins and 60 sets of triplets! Dr. Sparks was born in 1883 and died in 1964.

and the evening was too warm to sleep, they would still be on their porches. Then I would be greeted with, "What's going on in town, Lynn?"

Up until Merle left for the Navy, we had to get our "milk schedule" straightened out before we went to town. When we both returned home and were in bed, nothing was dreaded more - especially in the winter - to hear Mother yell up stairs, "Did you boys get the milk?"

Then the argument would begin! "It's your turn!" "No, it isn't. It's your turn!" Whoever lost the argument had to crawl out of a nice, warm bed and go get the

milk. Merle left for the Navy after he graduated in 1944. Then the milk chore became mine alone.

During World War II, there were no street lights on at night to save electricity, and for defense purposes, I suppose. (Can you believe we had air raid drills during the war? I'm sure the axis powers were concerned with what went on in West Liberty!)

I did a lot of whistling when I was a kid, which is something you never hear a kid do anymore. I had to be home by 11 p.m., and it was really dark by that time. So, I would walk in the middle of the street and whistle as I went home.

My wife, Leatha Nell, and family moved into the Baldwin house in 1944. She tells me about hearing me whistle as I walked down the street. My whistling may have won her over!

Sometimes my imagination would get the best of me, and I would imagine all sorts of things. Just before getting to the Sparks home, I would start running, imagining someone was hidden behind the hedge that surrounded the house, or in the bushes beside the house.

I would clear the hedge like a hurdler, run through the yard, scoop up the milk, jump the hedge along the side yard, cross the street, run past the Jim Oney place, and then I was safe at home!

No doubt, this is where I developed my track skills as I made the track team at Eastern! If there had been a track event consisting of jumping hedges and scooping half-gallons of milk, I would have been a track star!

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The Judge's Corner

By Tim Conley
Judge Executive



Hello from Judge Tim Conley and Staff:

Another year is almost past, and we would like to express our sympathy to all those who have lost loved ones. Also, to all those who have had additions to your family, I want to say congratulations.

This year has had its ups and downs, but we like to focus on the positives. Because of our commitment to growing Morgan County, we are still working on several projects. We are still building bridges, working on roads, planning for a new courthouse, etc.

It looks like the new IGA will open sometime around the first of the year, and may provide a few new jobs.

The BAT Medical Network project that we discussed this past fall is still being discussed. Due to the downturn in financing, no one has been hired. However, all applications are still on file. We hope something will break this spring.

As far as other projects this year, we have been installing water lines all over Morgan County, and will be installing two new radio read meters this spring. Also, Hwy. 191, Morris Cemetery Road, Hwy. 134 and Wheelrim Road water projects should be bid by February, and water line installation should follow shortly thereafter.

We certainly are glad to see the gas prices fall below \$2 per gallon, which should help all of us at the pumps.

Due to the new road procedures, the county is only allowed to maintain county roads. The state secondary roads will be done by the state highway crews. We will try to keep all roads as safe as possible throughout the winter. We have used the brush cutter in three of the five districts, and we will continue in the other districts when the weather breaks in the spring.

Have a very Merry Christmas, everyone! If you need to discuss an issue with me, you may call me at 606-743-3897, write to me at 450 Prestonsburg St., West Liberty, KY 41472, or e-mail me at mcfc.tc@gmail.com.

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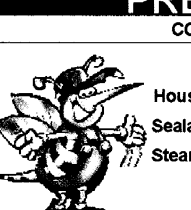
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AREA DEATHS

Rev. Clarence Watson



Rev. Clarence Watson of Ezel, Ky., passed away Friday, December 5, 2008, at the age of 84 years, 4 months, and 16 days. He was born on Saturday, July 19, 1924, at Malone, Ky., one of thirteen children born to Henry and Nora Lykins Watson.

He was united in marriage to Irene Manning. To this union, they were blessed with five children. He was a retired pastor of the Ezel First Church of God for many years, farmer, and school bus driver. He served his country in the United States Army during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Nora Watson; his wife, Irene Manning Watson; two grandchildren, Harold Tolson and Melissa Baker; one son-in-law, Henry Tolson; eight brothers, Johnny Watson, Willie Watson, Boyd Watson, Vernon Watson, Tommy Watson, Ernest Watson, Arnold Watson, and Doyle Watson; and two sisters, Mattie Leach and Hattie Watson.

He is survived by five children, Wilma Mae Tolson of Frenchburg, Ky., Mary Carolyn Gevedon and husband Curtis of Grassy Creek, Ky., Danny Watson and wife Cathy of Louisville, Ky., Charles Edward Watson and wife Jennifer of Jeffersonville, Ky., and Brenda Baker and husband Mike of Albion, Ind.; 12 grandchildren, Beverly, Billy Joe, Brian, Wesley, Shawn, Eric, Michelle, Chrissy, Jamie, Amanda, and Chris; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; two brothers, Herbert Watson and wife Ruth of Salt Lick, Ky., and Freeland Watson and wife Joyce of Mt. Sterling, Ky.; three sisters-in-law, Kay Watson, Rita Watson, and Mary Watson, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 8, 2008, at the Ezel First Church of God with Rev. Jesse Dennis, Rev. Delbert Coffey, and Rev. Roger Wells officiating. Burial was in the Ezel Cemetery, Ezel, Ky., with Potter Funeral Home in charge.

Pallbearers: Nephews.

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Geraldine Benton



Geraldine Benton of West Liberty, Ky., passed away Sunday, December 7, 2008, at the age of 73 years, 1 month, and 5 days. She was born on Saturday, November 2, 1935, at Caney, Ky., one of nine children born to the late Dorsie and Tora Craft Benton.

She was a homemaker, devoting her life to care for her family and her home. She was a Christian and a faithful member of the Redeemed Baptist Church at Caney, Ky.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her one beloved daughter, Annetta Kimberly, whom she dearly loved for the eight years she was blessed to keep her; three brothers, Chester, Virvin, and Glenn Benton; and two sisters, Alma Faye Benton and Vesta Louise Martin Gullett.

She is survived by two sisters, Norma Jean Sowder of Winchester, Ky., and Mary Stamper of Caney, Ky.; one brother, Charles Benton of Union, Ky.; several special nieces and nephews; several special great-nieces and nephews; all her many friends and relatives; and especially her Brothers and Sisters in Christ, whom she loved dearly.

Funeral service was conducted at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 11, 2008, at the Potter Funeral Home, with Rev. Roy Collett and Rev. Jerry Smith officiating. Burial was in the Memory Hill Cemetery, Caney, Ky., under the direction of Potter Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Charles Sowder, Wayne Bentley, Marvin Berry, Chuck Sowards, Scott Benton, and Ken Stamper.

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CARD OF THANKS

The family of Donald Elam would like to express their sincere appreciation for kindness shown to us during our time of sorrow. A special thank you goes to our friends, family and neighbors for the food, flowers, phone calls, prayers and just being there for us. Also a special thanks to All Occasion Florist for the great job they did on the flowers, and to all at Potter Funeral Home for the care they took on our loved one. We would also like to thank Brother James Allen for the kind words at the service and just for being there, even though he was under the weather. We appreciate and love each and everyone of you. (pd)

Harry R. Steele



Harry Randolph Steele was born on October 31, 1933. He was the first child of Estill Steele, who preceded Harry in death in 1969, and Hazel Arnett Steele who is with us today.

Harry met, fell in love with, and married Carleen Lacy. They were married on June 5, 1953.

To this union were born seven children. These and their spouses are: Stephen Randolph Steele and Devra, Belinda Schmidt and Dave, Harry Randolph Steele Jr. and Suzanne, Thomas Gregory Steele and Donna, John Richard Steele and Alice, Melanie Carwell and David, Katrina Cowen and David.

He was also papaw to five granddaughters, Randal Steele, Chelsea Steele, Erin Steele, Hannah Cowen, and Bailey Cowen; eleven grandsons, Shawn Steele, Nashley and Cindy Steele, Kelby and Crystal Steele, Michael Schmidt, Eric Schmidt, Connor Steele, Ryan Steele, Marshall Steele, Joel Cowen, Spencer Cowen, and Caleb Cowen; and great grandfather to one great granddaughter, Jade Steele; and one great grandson, Casey Steele.

He is survived by those and two sisters, Helen Frederick, and Doris Frederick and her husband, Randolph; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Also surviving are his very dear friends; his uncle, Hager Arnett; his sister-in-law, Hilda and husband, Edwin Benton; and his brother-in-law, Dan Lacy and wife, Nancy.

To all of these he was devoted to family love. He so loved each of these and was loved in return.

Harry will be remembered by the many friends and co-workers from his 55 years as an employee with the Licking Valley RECC. There are untold thousands of people who owe Harry a thank you for bringing the lights back on in the midst of the storm.

He will be missed by many, but this community should be thankful for the life of one man who has served so many people so well, for this will describe the life of Harry Steele.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Potter Funeral Home Chapel, with Elder Jimmy Adkins and Edwin Benton officiating. Burial followed in the Harry Steele Family Cemetery, at Malone, with Potter Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Active pallbearers were grandsons and friends.

Honorary pallbearers were all his many friends.

Memorials were suggested to the American Lung Association of Kentucky, P.O. Box 9067, Louisville, Ky. 40209-0067.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Olla Vest would like to thank those who helped during her illness and passing. Thank you to Joe, Gina, Keisha and Kathy of Home Health for doing a great job with Mom. She loved you girls. Thank you Dr. Arain and staff for being so caring and helpful. Hospice Of The Bluegrass Maroon Team, Leann, Geni, Jennifer, Marnie and Gary, you helped us as much as you did her. You truly are special people. Chaplin Gary Conner of Hospice you will forever have a special place in our hearts. Mike Asher of Hospice you will never know how thankful we are to you for what you did for our family, you went above and beyond your duties. Thank you Cheryl McKenzie of All Occasion Flowers for everything. You did a great job on her flowers and have been so understanding throughout her illness. Thank you ARH HomeCare Store, Morgan County Ambulance Service, Louise Dennis, Charlie and Shirl Perry, Ellis and Dorothy Adkins, Johnny and Sheila Cantrell, Nancy Smith, Benton and Sharon Hutchinson, Kary Elam and the Spencer family. To all that have called and prayed for us, we thank you. To Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home you did a wonderful job. We appreciate all you did for Mom and us as well, thank you so much. If we have forgotten anyone please forgive us for these are trying times. Once again we thank you all.

The family of Olla Vest (pd)

Michael S. Keeton



Michael S. Keeton, 61, of Corydon, Ind., and longtime resident of Clarksville, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, December 4, 2008, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Ky. He was born in West Liberty, Kentucky, on February 12, 1947.

Mike graduated with a bachelor's degree from McKendree College. He was retired from both Devoe Paint Company and the Kentucky Air National Guard. He belonged to various organizations and was an avid collector of model cars and airplanes. He also was an avid sports fan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles C. Keeton.

Survivors include his beloved mother Lillian (Billie) A Keeton, his sisters, Cheryl Fessel (Jerry) of Corydon, Ind., and Karen Kerns (Brent) of Brownsburg, Ind.; three nephews, Rick McClure, Neil McClure and Ben Chasteen (Michelle), and great-nephew Wesley Chasteen, and countless loving cousins.

Visitation was held at Potter Funeral Home in West Liberty, Kentucky, from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Memorial services were conducted at the White Oak Christian Church in White Oak, Kentucky, on Sunday, December 7, 2008, at 1 p.m. Burial was in the Blue Grass Cemetery in Salyersville, Kentucky, immediately following the memorial service.

Our hearts are deeply broken and he will be missed by all.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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Obituary of Andrew (Jake) Bradley

Andrew (Jake) Bradley was born May 4, 1920, at Hillsboro, Kentucky, and departed from this life October 19, 2008, at St. Claire Medical Center, in Morehead, Ky.

Leaving behind his wife of 60 years, Mondella; a son, Roy M. Bradley and wife, Karen, of Waldorf, Maryland; a daughter, Myra Bradley, of Somerset, Ky; four grandchildren, Diana, Brenda, Lisa, and Martin; and 3 great grandchildren.

Jake was a son of the late James M. and Polly Blevins Bradley. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Doren Bradley; two sisters, Bess Waltz and Leon Williams.

He was a charter member of V.F.W. and also D.A.V., a member of West Liberty Volunteer Fire Department, and served one term on city council.

Jake was a retired employee of the Kentucky Highway Department, and of Mountain Auto Parts.

He entered service (U.S. Army) on July 8, 1940, and was discharged Jan. 11, 1946. He served in Tunisia, Rome and received American Defense, Purple Heart, American Campaign, and World War II Victory Medal. Jake was wounded in the European Theatre on February 8, 1944.

He was a member of Williams Creek Elkfork Community Church.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 22, at Potter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Herbert Wright and Rev. Jimmie Tharp officiating. Burial followed in Salyer Cemetery, at West Liberty, with Potter Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Military rites were conducted by Morgan County D.A.V. members who also served as pallbearers.

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Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by wife, Alpha; sons, Barry and Dempsey; daughter, Joy; and relatives

Bonnie Benson



Bonnie Lou Sallee Benson, 67, of Frenchburg, wife of Charles Benson, died Friday, December 5, 2008, at St. Joseph of Mount Sterling, in Mount Sterling, Ky.

She was born August 3, 1941, in Menifee County, Kentucky, a daughter of Beulah Simpson Sallee, of Means, and the late Bruce Sallee.

Bonnie was retired from A.O. Smith Company, having worked in the repairs department.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by one sister, Wanda Jones; and three brothers, Glenn, Gene, and Donald.

Survivors in addition to her mother include her husband, Charles Benson; one son, Doug Benson, of Frenchburg; three grandchildren, Charles Jason, Hayden N. and Lindsey; a sister, Esther Sallee, of Mount Sterling; and a brother, Bradley Sallee, of Frenchburg.

Graveside services were conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, at Benson and Craig Cemetery, in Frenchburg, with Rev. Roger Wells officiating. Burial followed with Menifee Home For Funerals, of Frenchburg, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were friends and family.

Earlene Hillman



Earlene Hillman, 60, of Wellington, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, at St. Claire Regional Medical Center, in Morehead.

She was born March 29, 1948, the daughter of the late Bud and Mollie Bowlm Strickland.

Earlene accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour.

Survivors include her husband, Evan K. Hillman, of Wellington; one daughter, Veronica Williamson, of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; and three sons, Rick Hillman, of San Antonio, Texas, Gary Hillman, of Aviano Air Base, Italy, and Brian Hillman, of West Liberty; 1 sister, 7 brothers, and 6 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at Menifee Home For Funerals, with Rev. David Hale officiating. Burial followed in the Back Cemetery, at Wellington, with Menifee Home For Funerals, of Frenchburg in charge of arrangements.

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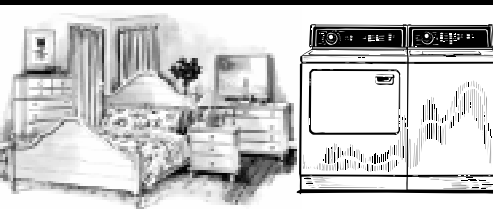
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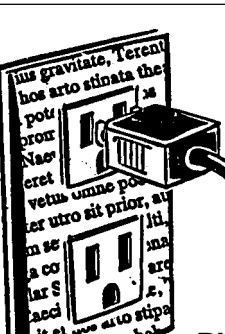
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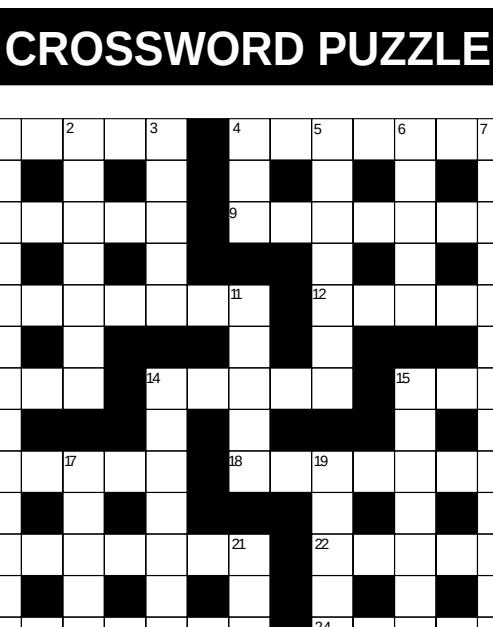
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- To join securely
- Worthless dog occurs herein
- To circulate freely
- Catch the breath convulsively in distress
- Wine produced in short for myself and the doctor
- Everlasting, having no beginning or end
- Devote to misery or doomed
- Lily's pungent edible bulb
- Worn by Muslim women to cover their face
- Member of a fraternal organization

CLUES DOWN

- Producer of uniforms worn by servants (6, 7)
- This foreign port looks more pungent
- Citizen of Holland
- Decay
- Feeling weak, dizzy or exhausted
- Illinois city
- Seasonally weighed (6, 7)
- Time to be rigid
- Stiffness of manner
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CBS 4	News	CBS	Fortune	Jeo-	Frosty	Frosty	Christmas		NUMB3RS		News	Late			
ABC 6	News	ABC	Enter-	Extra	Wife Swap		Supernanny		20/20		News	Night-			
PBS 7	Math	Busi-	News-Lehrer	Com-	Group	Wash	NOW		Bill Moyers		BBC	Ky Life			
NBC 8	News	NBC	Inside	Holly-	Songs-Season	Lipstick Jungle			Dateline NBC		News	Tonight			
WGN 9	7th Heaven		7th Heaven		Jack Frost				WGN News		Scrubs	Scrubs			
FOX 11	Deal No	Deal No	Two	Two	You Smarter?	Don't Forget			News		Simp-	Fam			
CBS 12	News	CBS	Griffith	King	Frosty	Frosty	Christmas		NUMB3RS		News	Sports			
TBS 13	Ray	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam	Fam	Talladega Nights: Ricky Bobby				Funnies-2008				
ENC 14	Holiday	Star Trek	Bubble Boy	Die Hard					Universal Soldier						
FAM 15	The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe														
LIFE 16	Rita	Reba	Still	Still	Reba	Reba	Recipe for a Perfect Christmas		Will		Will				
A&E 17	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami			CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds				
SHOW 19	Inside the NFL	Employee of the Month			Weeds	Californ	Dexter		Inside the NFL						
DISN 20	Suite	Suite	Suite	Suite	Suite	Suite	Suite		Wizards		Suite	Mon-			
MAX 21	Knocked Up	Cont'd	Alpha Dog						Juno		Zane				
HBO 22	Perfect Storm	My Super Ex-Girlfriend			The Bourne Ultimatum				Little		Bait				
AMC 24	Star Trek: Nemesis		Hannibal						Gremlins						
USA 25	NCIS	NCIS			House		House		The Starter Wife		House				
DSC 26	Cash	Cash	Made	Made	Man vs. Wild		Survivorman		Survivorman		Survivorman				
ESPN 27	SportsCenter		NBA		NBA Basketball: Hornets at Celtics				NBA Basketball						
TNT 32	Law & Order	Law & Order			Mission: Impossible III				Mission						
SCI 33	Stargate SG-1	Star Trek Gen.			Stargate Atlantis		Stargate Atlantis		Sanctuary		Stargate Atlantis				



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SATURDAY EVENING												December 13			
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
NBC 3	News	NBC	Fortune	Cash	It's a Wonderful Life						News	SNL			
CBS 4	News	CBS	Fortune	Jeo-	Eleventh Hour				48 Hours Mystery		News				
ABC 6	ABC	News	St. Jude-Hosp.	Home Videos	Surviving Christmas						News	WWE			
PBS 7	Lawrence Welk	Louis-	Red	Ky Life	Scrooge				Holiday		Austin City Limits				
NBC 8	News	NBC	Storms	Paid	It's a Wonderful Life						News	SNL			
WGN 9	Becker	Becker	Boston Legal	Bull-	NBA Basketball: Nets at Bulls						News	Scrubs			
FOX 11	Per-	Seinfeld	Two	Two	Cops	Cops	Most Wanted		News		MADtv				
CBS 12	News	CBS	King	East KY	Eleventh Hour		Boot Camp		48 Hours Mystery		WYMT	Ky			
TBS 13	Frank	Ray	King	King	Talladega Nights: Ricky Bobby				Anchorman: Legend of Ron						
ENC 14	Stomp	Sgt. Bilko			Pretty Woman				Frequency						
FAM 15	Santa Claus	Without Santa	Miser Brothers		Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe										
LIFE 16	Family Holiday	A Very Married Christmas			Will You Marry Me?				Medium						
A&E 17	Serial Killer	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	The Sopranos		The Sopranos								
SHOW 19	Holt	Beyond	Inside the NFL	Dexter	Black Snake Moan				Boxing						
DISN 20	Suite	Suite	Suite	Mon-	Cory	Suite	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory		Suite		Mon-				
MAX 21	Heartbreak Kid	The Departed					The Ruins		Zane						
HBO 22	Boxing: Klitschko	Yes	Watch		I Am Legend		Boxing: Klitschko vs. Rahman								
AMC 24	Hannibal	Cont'd	Fargo				Pulp Fiction								
USA 25	EH	House			House		House		Law Order: CI						
DSC 26	Dirty Jobs	Des-	Des-	Investigation X	UFOs Over Earth		UFOs Over Earth		Made		Made				
ESPN 27	College Football	SportsCenter		Heisman	The Greatest Game Ever Played				SportsCenter						
TNT 32	Librarian: Curse of Judas				Mission: Impossible III		Librarian: Curse of Judas								
SCI 33	Final Dest. 2	Alien Agent			Timber Falls				Stir of Echoes						

TUESDAY EVENING												December 16			
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
NBC 3	News	NBC	Fortune	Jeo-	The Biggest Loser: Families				Monna's Boys		News	Tonight			
CBS 4	News	CBS	Fortune	Jeo-	Kentucky-Chorus	The Mentalist			Without a Trace		News	Late			
ABC 6	News	ABC	Enter-	Extra	Charlie Brown	Jim	Jim		Eli Stone		News	Night-			
PBS 7	GED	Busi-	News-Lehrer	Nova	Renaissance				Globe Trekker		BBC	Ky Life			
NBC 8	News	NBC	Inside	Holly-	The Biggest Loser: Families				Monna's Boys		News	Tonight			
WGN 9	7th Heaven		7th Heaven		A Town Without Christmas				Feed-Children		Scrubs	Scrubs			
FOX 11	Deal No	Deal No	Two	Two	House Without Christmas		Fringe		News		Simp-	Fam			
CBS 12	News	CBS	Paid	King	NCIS		The Mentalist		Without a Trace		News	Late			
TBS 13	Ray	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam	Fam	Fam	Fam	Office		Office	Frank	Sex &		
ENC 14	Catch and Release				Rain Man				Executive Decision						
FAM 15	My Wife	My Wife	Christ-	Pooh	Mary Poppins				The 700 Club						
LIFE 16	Reba	Rita	Reba	Still	Reba	Rita	Wife Swap		Blush: Artist		Will	Will			
A&E 17	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files			The First 48		The First 48		Manhunters		Jacked	Jacked			
SHOW 19	Back in the Day	Watching the Detectives			Brotherhood				Dexter		Californ	Californ			
DISN 20	Phineas	Phineas	Suite	Mon-	The Polar Express				Wizards		Life	Suite	Mon-		
MAX 21	Maxi-	Mr. Woodcock			Under Siege				Balls of Fury		Zane				
HBO 22	Edward	Extras			I Am Legend		Yes		Break. Huddle		Summer	Talk to			
AMC 24	Mystery Men	Cont'd			Reign of Fire				Terminator 2: Judgment Day						
USA 25	The 40-Year-Old Virgin								House		Monk				
DSC 26	Cash	Cash	Made	Made	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Speed Capital		Made	Made			
ESPN 27	SportsCenter	Foot	Women's College Basketball		College Basketball						Sports-				
TNT 32	Mission: Impossible 2				Mission: Impossible III				Leverage		Bones				
SCI 33	Stargate SG-1	Estate of Panic			Cha\$e		ECW		Cha\$e		Crystal Skulls				

SUNDAY EVENING												December 14			
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
NBC 3	News	NBC	Football Night		NFL Football: New York Giants at Dallas Cowboys						News				
CBS 4	NFL Football	60 Minutes			Survivor: Gabon				Survivor: Gabon		News	Dan			
ABC 6	ABC	News	Home Videos		The Santa Clause 2				Housewives		News	Jim			
PBS 7	Work-	Garden	Keep	Summer	Time-	May	Christmas		Thomas Merton		America	Book-			
NBC 8	News	NBC	Football Night		NFL Football: New York Giants at Dallas Cowboys						News				
WGN 9	ALF	ALF	WKRP	WKRP	Newhart	Honey-	Honey-		News	Replay	Bewitch	Bewitch			
FOX 11	Journal	Per-	King-Hill	King-Hill	Simp-	King-Hill	Fam	Amer	News		Free-	Motor			
CBS 12	NFL Football	60 Minutes			Survivor: Gabon				Survivor: Gabon		WYMT	Ky			
TBS 13	Anchorman: Legend of Ron				Talladega Nights: Ricky Bobby				Talladega Nights: Ricky Bobby						
ENC 14	Twins				National Lampoon's Animal House				Scarface						
FAM 15	Snow				Snow 2 Brain Freeze				Snow 2 Brain Freeze						
LIFE 16	Holiday Switch	Lost Holiday: Jim & Suzanne			Together Again for the First Time				Grey's Anatomy						
A&E 17	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami						
SHOW 19	Rocky Balboa		Brotherhood		Dexter		Californ	Californ	Dexter						
DISN 20	Wizards	Wizards	Suite	Mon-	Mon-	Wizards	The Santa Clause		Suite		Mon-				
MAX 21	Live	X-Men			The Ruins		Days of Thunder								
HBO 22	I Am Legend	House of Saddam			House of Saddam				Summer		PS				
AMC 24	The Wild Bunch	Cont'd	Jeremiah Johnson		The Wild Bunch										
USA 25	House	House			House		House		House		The Starter Wife				
DSC 26	Dirty Jobs	Noah's Ark	Sodom		Exodus		Shroud		Noah's Ark						
ESPN 27	Series of Poker	SportsCenter			Bowl Mania Special				SportsCenter						
TNT 32	Ocean's Eleven				Mission: Impossible III				Mission: Impossible III						
SCI 33	Supergator	Raging Sharks			Sharks in Venice				Estate of Panic						

WEDNESDAY EVENING												December 17			
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
NBC 3	News	NBC	Fortune	Jeopardy	Muppets-Santa		Life		Law & Order		News	Tonight			
CBS 4	News	CBS	Fortune	Jeopardy	Chris	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY		News	Late			
ABC 6	News	ABC	Entertainment	Extra	Pushing Daisies		Private Practice		Dirty Sexy Money		News	Night			
PBS 7	GED	Busi-	News-Lehrer		Jubilee		Great Performances				BBC	Ky Life			
NBC 8	News	NBC	Inside	Holly-	Muppets-Santa		Life		Law & Order		News	Tonight			
WGN 9	7th Heaven		7th Heaven		Finding John Christmas				WGN News		Scrubs	Scrubs			
FOX 11	Deal No	Deal No	Two	Two	Secret Millionaire		Bones		News		Simp-	Fam			
CBS 12	News	CBS	Ken-	Ken-	Chris-	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY		News	Late			
TBS 13	Ray	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Seinfeld	Seinfeld			
ENC 14	** Extreme Measures (1996)				** Encino Man (1992)				The Messengers				Grosse Pointe		
FAM 15	My Wife	My Wife	I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus				Snow 2 Brain Freeze (2008)				The 700 Club				
LIFE 16	Reba	Rita	Reba	Still	Reba	Reba	Home by Christmas (2006)				Will	Will			
AE 17	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami		Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking			
SHOW 19	In the Name of the King: Dungeon				Brotherhood		Inside the NFL		Dexter		Inside the NFL				
DISN 20	Wizards	Wizards	Suite	Mon-	Go Figure (2005)			Phineas		Wizards	Life	Suite	Mon-		
MAX 21	**1/2 Alpha Dog (2006)				*** Die Hard 2 (1990)				** The Ruins (2008)				Sex		
HBO 22	Firehouse Dog		The Wedding Planner			Revolu-		Costas NOW		Summer		Katie	Sadda		
AMC 24	Terminator 2: Judgment Day				**1/2 Out for Justice (1991)				*** Thunderheart (1992)						
USA 25	NCIS		NCIS		House		House		House		Law Order: CI				
DISC 26	Cash	Cash	Made	Made	Time Warp		MythBusters		Prototype This!		Made	Made			
ESPN 27	SportsCenter		NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Atlanta Hawks				NBA Basketball: Spurs at Hornets								
TNT 32	Law & Order		Law & Order		Cmas Wash.		** A Christmas Carol (1999)				Cmas Wash.				

Reader Seeks Information About Photograph



Dear Editor,

I am seeking information on the above photograph. On the back of the photograph is what appears to be La Verne Howe--- (cannot see the last letters, possibly Howes, Howey, Howell, or similar), Rt. 3, Morgan Cy (looks like Cy), Kentucky. There is a date, January 4, 1949 as well as some other names, Mary L. How___ and Betty L. Hendrix.

The front shows an American serviceman. He has a good conduct medal ribbon and an UNTSO medal ribbon. He is also wearing a MP sash. I have been told he is my father. I look a lot like him. From my DNA I know my father would have origins from Russia/East Europe, and possibly Jewish. Also from what he told mother, possibly part

Cherokee. He would have been in U.K. in April/May of 1945. I was born in Cardiff in February, 1946.

I am hoping one of your readers can identify the man in the picture, or come up with the person(s) named on the back. The name LaVerne Howe___ is probably not the name of the man in the picture, but maybe.

I would appreciate very much hearing from anyone with information about the man in the photograph or the names on the back.

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Your Social Security

Good Tidings From Social Security
By Bernard O'Nan

As the holidays approach, Social Security has good tidings to share with Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries; they will receive a 5.8 percent increase in benefit payments beginning with the January payments!

The 5.8 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that over 50 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2009. Increase payments to more than 7 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on Dec. 31.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits increase automatically each year based on the rise in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), from the third quarter of the prior year to the corresponding period of the current year.

This 5.8 percent increase is the largest since 1982.

Along with the annual COLA comes other changes, including an increase in the amount of wages subject to Social Security tax. In 2008, the maximum taxable amount was \$102,000. Beginning in 2009, the maximum taxable amount will be \$106,800. This change will affect about 11 million of the 164 million workers who pay Social Security tax. The tax rate remains the same: 6.2 for employers and employees, and 12.4 for the self-employed.

In 2009, it will take \$1,090 in taxable earnings to earn a credit of coverage for Social Security, up from \$1,050 in 2008. All workers can earn up to four credits in a year.

The average retired worker will receive \$1,153 per month in Social Security benefits in 2009, up from \$1,090 in 2008.

People who have Medicare coverage will want to visit Medicare's website at www.medicare.gov for changes coming in 2009.

To learn more about Social Security changes coming in 2009, visit our online fact sheet at www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice/factsheets/colafacts2009.htm.

As always, you can find a wealth of information about Social Security at our website, www.socialsecurity.gov.

Bernard O'Nan is the district manager at the Ashland Social Security office. A representative from the Ashland office visits West Liberty every first and third non-holiday Monday at the Community Center starting at 8:30 a.m. The Ashland office can be reached at 606-324-0515.



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THE KITCHEN HEARTH

By Gayle Deaton

I'm sharing two recipes this week, one for a silky Lemon Curd that is sooooo easy to make and is delicious eaten with gingerbread or hot flaky scones, or to fill tart shells or crisp meringues...or simply enjoyed by the spoonful. I never thought I'd see the day when I'd make Lemon Curd in the microwave, and say it's the best I've ever made, but this one is. Honestly! (And don't be put off by the term "curd" as it's really just a slightly thicker, tarter version of Lemon Sauce.)

The other recipe is for Sweet Potato Muffins, which will keep their moist, spicy goodness at room temperature for up to three or four days in a sealed container. They're great on their own, or with chicken or fruit salad, baked ham, fried chicken, etc. The batter will keep perfectly well in the refrigerator, in a container that's well-covered but not airtight, for a couple of days, so you can bake and serve muffins as needed.

TRULY EASY LEMON CURD

- cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- Zest from 3 lemons
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup fresh lemon juice

In microwave-safe bowl, heat butter until melted. Stir in the lemon zest. In separate bowl whisk together the eggs and sugar until smooth, then stir in lemon juice. Add to butter, whisking until well-combined. Cook in microwave in one-minute intervals, stirring from bottom of bowl after each minute, until mixture is thick enough to coat a spoon. This doesn't take long and tastes heavenly! Leftovers will keep refrigerated for at least two weeks.

SWEET POTATO MUFFINS

- 1-1/2 cups granulated sugar
- teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 cup peanut or canola oil
- 2 large eggs
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup baked or cooked sweet potato, cooled and peeled, packed into cup

Whisk dry ingredients to blend. In separate bowl thoroughly combine the oil, eggs, water, vanilla and sweet potato, then add the dry ingredients and beat well. Spray muffin tins with Pam and fill each cup almost 2/3 full with batter. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for 20-25 minutes or until top springs back when lightly pressed. Cool tins on wire racks for 10 minutes, then turn muffins out on racks to

finish cooling. Makes about 18. Great at room temperature, but treat yourself — enjoy one fresh from the oven.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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NEWS OF RECORD

CIRCUIT COURT

New civil cases – Commonwealth Credit Union vs. Terry Vest, Dec. 4.

CLARIFICATION

Garry L. Elam, of Liberty Road, West Liberty, is not the same Gary Elam listed in recent court news.

Brenda Elam Finch is not the same Brenda Elam listed in recent court news.

DISTRICT COURT

New civil cases – Capital One Bank vs. Ronald D. Goodman, Dec. 1; Capital One Bank vs. Elizabeth Endicott, Dec. 2; Central Baptist Hospital vs. Carol Gambill, Dec. 2; Jack Shannon vs. The Silverado Group LLC et al, Dec. 4.

ARRAIGNMENTS

Allen Gibson Jr. – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – pled guilty, \$200, loss of license for 90 days.

Christy L. Haney – speeding 20 mph over limit – order entered.

Nelson Howard Jr. – alcohol intoxication in a public place – pled guilty, \$25.

Robin D. Little II – speeding 16 mph over limit, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – failed to appear, bench warrant issued.

Timothy J. Nickell – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – pre-trial conference Jan. 13.

Shannon R. Noble – failure to use child restraint device in vehicle – pled guilty, \$50; failure to produce insurance card – pled guilty, \$500.

Valerie R. Rowe – speeding 26 mph over limit, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/secu-

city, license to be in possession, disregarding traffic control device – failed to appear, bench warrant issued.

Rebekah J. Sizemore – alcohol intoxication in a public place – pled guilty, \$25.

Jessica R. Wagoner – operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance – failed to appear, bench warrant issued.

Jackie L. Wright – alcohol intoxication in a public place – pled guilty, \$25.

Robert K. Wriston – improper registration plate, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to notify address change to department of transportation – court trial Jan. 13.

Misty B. Reynolds – speeding 5 mph over limit – pled guilty, speeding 5 mph over limit – pled guilty, \$5.

Tasha Cruz – public intoxication of a controlled substance, disorderly conduct, possession of a controlled substance (first degree, first offense) – preliminary hearing Dec. 9.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Joe Cantrell and Christine to Kenneth Jerry Cantrell, 0.61 acres, more or less, on the east side of the right of way of US 460, a corner to the property conveyed to Donnie Bush and located near the old Licking River Bridge, \$1 cash in hand paid as well as other good and valuable consideration.

Ishmael Howard, Jr., Michael Lumpkins and Debbie Lumpkins, aka Debbie Howard, to Ishmael Scott Howard III and Jessica Beth Howard, 40 acres, more or less, on the waters of Big Ellington Lick Branch, a tributary of the North Fork Creek of Licking River, \$1 plus love and affection.

Daniel Adkins and Citizens Bank and Trust Company, of Jackson, by Robert L. Caummisar, Master Commissioner of Morgan Circuit Court, to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, beginning on the east side of Ky. Hwy. 205, near Darrell and Frankie Barker, \$33,433.

Geneva Holbrook by Robert L. Caummisar, Master Commissioner of Morgan Circuit Court, to GMAC Mortgage LLC, 3 tracts located on U.S. Hwy. 172-tract 1 containing 1/2 acre, more or less near Charles Gillespie line; tract 2 containing 3/4 of an acre, more or less; tract 3 containing 1/2 acre, more or less, \$80,900.

WEST LIBERTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Nov. 30 - Dec. 6

• If you see or have information on any criminal activity, we ask that you call us at 606-743-4385. We do not want your name, but we do want your information.

• The West Liberty Police Department will conduct traffic safety checkpoints in addition to moving patrols through the remainder of 2008.

Cases/Investigations Opened

1 Falsely reporting an incident

Arrests

2 Bench warrants

4 Alcohol intoxication in a public place

1 Possession of alcoholic beverage by a minor

1 Drinking alcoholic beverage in public

Citations issued – 14

Non-injury accidents – 2

Injury accidents – 0

E-911 Calls for Service

County-wide – 126

City – 38

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS

Now what do you do for someone who lives in Heaven

Where the streets are made of gold

And all the people there are as pure as snow.

So what can I do for Jesus on this special day and I know it's not silver or gold

Just tell the people I love them

And would like to save their souls.

– Lexie Adams

Dec. 18, 2007

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POEM

In the morning when the Lord calls me I want to be ready go to live in that beautiful city up there that's white as snow, where the silver light is shining. It will never grow dim. You talk about a time in heaven when we leave this world of sin.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

Helping the community: Morgan County Christian Social Services



Morgan County Christian Social Services is doing great things for people of Morgan County. In November MCCSS serviced 90 elderly people with Thanksgiving baskets. The families received everything needed for a Thanksgiving feast; ham, potatoes, green and yellow vegetables, cranberry sauce, stuffing, rolls, and dessert. Pictured at right is everyone that helped work to make this possible: Katrina Dalton, Kristi Dalton, Eli Steagall, Kelly Rister, Vicky Stacy, Kim Standafer, Patty Barker, Lisa Fannin, Robin Dalton, Lisa Hoskins, and Angie Pennington. (not pictured Kathleen Kissinger, Oma Patrick, Sam Sparks)

MCCSS has also been doing an elderly commodities program for a couple of years and we serve 96 elderly monthly through this



great program.

We serve families on an ongoing basis through a referral process. When families are having hard times they can visit a community service agent and receive a voucher to receive food for a week through our food pantry. Families can also receive assistance with free clothing through this same referral process. We are also open to the public to sell clothing at a minimal price. Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Our pantry is supported by the sale of our gently used clothing, our many great volunteers, and the donations that we receive throughout the year from many business and individuals. This year we were fortunate that the board voted to donate \$2500.00

to Gateway Community Services to help with their HEAP (winter heating assistance) program.

All of MCCSS programs and services would not be possible without community support. This year our county collected over 6,000 food items for our food pantry. Mountain Rural Telephone Co. donated over 800 items and the Morgan County School System over 4,600 items. This helps our pantry out so much. We are able to serve close to 200 families a year in times of need. Also this year EKCC donated a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to help in the purchase of needed food. Pictured at left is Jessie Ferguson of EKCC awarding the check to Lisa Fannin, MCCSS Board member.

MCCSS would like to thank everyone for their support!!

History of HGA by Bob Bickers on sale now

My good friend and correspondent, Robert "Bob" Bickers has informed me that his book, "Hazel Green Academy Who's who 1880-1983", has been published and is now on sale.

Bobby is a historian, a former student and teacher of Hazel Green Academy, and credits much of his lifestyle and success to his years at HGA. He writes the column Hazel Green Academy News, and sends to all former students on his address list, including The Wolfe County News.

The book, Hazel Green Academy Who's Who (1880-1983), is ready for sale at \$27 postpaid (in-

cluding \$5.45 for Priority Mail with 3 to 4 days delivery time). Please order before Christmas. Only 100 copies have been printed. Send your check or money order to the address below my name at the bottom of this message.

This is a keepsake and guidebook of all the available names of studnets, teachers, and staff that were at HGA in its 103 year history. The school years are arranged chronologically with classmates in their respective grades. All high school graduates are listed with honor graduates designated.

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forgotten or have wondered what years they were at H.G.A.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

If I were for anything, I should not wish for wealth and power, but for the passionate sense of the potential, for the eye which, ever young and ardent, sees the possible. Pleasure disappoints, possibility never.

– Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)
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COURIER SPORTS

Cougars are no match for Elliott Co. in season opener

By David Patrick

Elliott County's big three—Ethan Faulkner, Evan Faulkner and Jonathon Ferguson—combined for 60 points as the Lions began defense of their regional title with a 96-43 rout of visiting Morgan County.

The Cougars faced an uphill battle from the opening tip. Elliott led 24-4 after the first quarter and pushed it to a 33-point advantage at the half. Morgan found its offense early in the second half with a team-best 18 point third quarter before adding another 14 in the fourth. But the Lions showed no letup with 27 and 25 points, respectively, in the final two periods to close out the 53-point win.

Mike Fyffe led Morgan County with 12 points, while Joel Nickell added eight. Colby Jones, Jon Lopez and Tyler Adkins scored six points apiece. Cameron Dunn finished with five.

Ferguson paced Elliott with a game-high 25 points. Brothers Evan and Ethan Faulkner scored



Photo By Kent Nickell
The Cougars' Mike Fyffe drives around Elliott County's Ethan Faulkner in season opener at Sandy Hook.

20 and 15, respectively. Timmy Knipp added 14 points for the Lions.

The Cougars return to the court against Raceland December 13.



Alex gets first buck
Congratulations Alex on your first buck. Alex is the seven-year-old son of Lewis and Angela Eagle.



Photo By Kent Nickell
Lady Cougar Leslie Eagle in action against Elliott County.

Lady Cougars drop opener to Magoffin, 63-56

By David Patrick

Magoffin County outscored the Lady Cougars 18-10 in the first quarter and led by five points at intermission en route to a 63-56 win at Veterans Memorial Gym.

Morgan County dug a hole early with only three first period field goals. The Lady Cougars found their range in the second period with 19 points, including five from guard Brittany Stamper. Monica McCowan and Leslie Eagle each had four points in the quarter.

Stamper and Tessa Henry each hit three-point baskets in the third quarter to keep the Lady Cougars within striking distance. Faith Slone and Shey Williams also scored as Morgan trailed by five heading into the final quarter.

However, Magoffin had just enough to stave off a rally, hitting 10 of 17 free-throws down the stretch to win. Meanwhile, the Lady Cougars got three-pointers from Stamper and Henry, but only two combined baskets from the rest of the team.

Henry and Eagle led Morgan with 13 points apiece, while Stamper finished with 11. McCowan scored all eight of her points in the first half. Faith Slone finished with five.

Words Of Wisdom
Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten. —B.F. Skinner

MCHS GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Lady Cougars feature region's best player and wealth of young talent

By David Patrick

Last year proved to be a breakout season for the Lady Cougars. Coach Jeff Brown's team finished 21-10 (the third best record in the 16th region), including a 62nd district championship and a win over Russell in the opening round of the regional tournament.

And while the likes of Kayla Kelly, Alyssa Dulen and Hannah Fugate are gone from the starting lineup, the Lady Cougars do return the region's top player in senior guard Leslie Eagle.

"This team definitely feeds off Lou," said Jeff Brown. "When she's on she makes everybody better. As she goes, so goes our team. Her play is always contagious."

But Brown's description of how the team follows Eagle's lead also has its downside. On the rare occasions when the Lady Cougar star struggles, the team follows suit.

"When Lou is off her game, everybody gets worried," said Brown. "It's like they say, 'now

what are we going to do?' There's obvious panic within the girls and I wish that wasn't the case."

Although Eagle is the undisputed leader and top returning scorer, the cupboard is not bare for Morgan County. Brown returns a wealth of young talent, including sophomore guards Tessa Henry and Monica McCowan. The duo combined for 21 points in the team's season opener with Magoffin County.

"Tessa shoots the ball really well, especially from three-point range," said Brown. "Monica is a very intelligent player. She's capable of scoring, but she distributes the ball so well. She's got a high basketball IQ."

Brown is also relying on junior guard Shey Williams for points and rebounds. The Lady Cougar coach describes Williams as a "fast, strong player who can play defense and pound the boards."

Morgan will also depend on returning players Faith Slone and Brittany Stamper. Slone is only

a freshman but is projected to be a starter at the forward position. Stamper will come off the bench, but is starting at the point on the junior varsity.

A huge void on this year's team surfaced with a season-ending knee injury to Lara Hembree. The guard was expected to be the number two scoring option behind Eagle, but is now sidelined after tearing her ACL, MCL and meniscus during practice.

"Lara's doctors described it as a 'football type' injury," said Brown. "She was driving the lane and pulled up for a jump shot when her knee popped. There was no contact or collision; it just happened. Lara will be out for six to nine months. We're really going to miss her."

The Lady Cougar roster also includes Mary Beth Harmon—one of only two seniors on the team—along with sophomore Maci Motley. Eighth graders Coral Hillman, Whitney Elam, Tiarra Kidd and Brianna Lindon round out the varsity roster and make up the junior varsity team.

2008-2009 MORGAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE		
Nov. 24	Russell Pan-o-Rama	Russell
Nov. 28	East Carter Pan-o-Rama	East Carter
Dec. 1	Magoffin County	Home
Dec. 5	Elliott County (B/G Doubleheader)	Away
Dec. 6	Raceland (EKC Conf. Showcase)	Away
Dec. 9	West Carter	Home
Dec. 22	East Carter	Away
Dec. 27-30	Queen of the Bluegrass ..	East Carter
Jan. 5	Bath County	Home
Jan. 9	Pike County Central	Home
Jan. 10	Russell (Commercial Bank Showcase)	Home
Jan. 12	Rowan County	Home
Jan. 15	Ashland Blazer	Away
Jan. 17	East Carter	Home
Jan. 19	West Carter	Away
Jan. 23	Fleming Co. (B/G Doubleheader) ...	Away
Jan. 24	Lewis County	Home
Jan. 27	Menifee County	Away
Jan. 31	Raceland	Home
Feb. 7	Lawrence County	Away
Feb. 10	Elliott County (B/G Doubleheader) ..	Home
Feb. 14	Greenup County	Away
Feb. 16	Breathitt County	Away
Feb. 20	Boyd County	Home
Feb. 23	Montgomery County	Away

2008-2009 MORGAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE		
Nov. 22	Jack Fultz Pan-o-Rama	West Carter
Nov. 25	Paintsville (Scrimmage)	Paintsville
Dec. 5	Elliott County	Away
Dec. 13	Raceland (EKC Showcase)	Lewis Co.
Dec. 16	Rose Hill	Home
Dec. 20	East Carter	Home
Dec. 28-30	Coca-Cola University Holiday Classic vs. Carroll County	Campbellsville
Jan. 3	Greenup County	Away
Jan. 8	Rowan County	Away
Jan. 10	Magoffin Co. (Commercial Bank Hoops Showcase)	Home
Jan. 13	Russell	Home
Jan. 16	East Carter	Away
Jan. 20	West Carter	Away
Jan. 23	Fleming County	Away
Jan. 26	Elliott County	Home
Jan. 29	Fairview	Home
Jan. 30	Lewis County	Away
Feb. 3	Bath County	Home
Feb. 6	West Carter	Home
Feb. 7	Boyd County	Away
Feb. 10	Montgomery County	Home
Feb. 13	Raceland	Home
Feb. 19	Magoffin County	Away

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Walker Crase

MCMS Boys' Football Team

Walker Crase has been selected as this week's athlete of the week. Walker was a defensive stalwart all season long for the Morgan Middle Cougars, leading the team in tackles with 109. He was also the team's third leading rusher with 731 yards and 12 TD's. He was selected as a member of the all-state team during the KYMSFA state playoffs. He has since been accepted to the FBU All-American team. He will participate along with 40 other middle school football players in San Antonio's Alamo Dome on January 4th.

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Twenty-Six

Reading this could save you grief, time and money

By Sherry Bailey

Dec. 8 — Since the shopping season is upon us, and people are likely to leave a purse or wallet in a store on the counter, or in a shopping cart, or worse yet get it stolen out of their car, home or shopping cart, you should *clip and save* the following information, and HOPE you never need it. Do it NOW. Later may be too late.

All the information contained in the following attorney's letter is good advice. Whether it was a "real letter" from an attorney to his employees, I don't know, but the advice is sound. Here goes:

1. The next time you order checks, instead of listing your first name, have only your initials and last name put on them. If someone takes your checkbook, they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will have your signature card and know how you sign your checks.

2. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, write "PHOTO ID REQUIRED."

3. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, **just put the last four numbers.** The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

4. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a P.O. box, use that instead of your home address.

5. Never have your Social Security number printed on your checks (DUH!) You can hand write it if necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

6. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Copy both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe

place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards, etc.

Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some **critical information to limit the damage** in case this happens to you or someone you know:

1. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know who to call. Keep those where you can find them.

2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

3. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to **place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number.** I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank which called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company who checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and **they have to contact you by phone** to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been

done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thief's purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the fraud alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thief threw my wallet away. This weekend someone turned it in. It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, etc., has been stolen (or lost):1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285.2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-37423.) Trans Union: 1-800-680-72894.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

Note from Sherry: My husband, Bill, was a victim of identity theft a little over a year ago. Thank goodness somebody advised us to contact the credit reporting agencies and put a fraud alert on my husband's social security number. From that point on, every time anyone applied for credit using his name, social security number, date of birth, etc., the credit reporting agency had to telephone Bill to see if it was really HIM. To our amazement, the perpetrator(s) tried to open credit lines (or apply for credit cards) in the amounts of \$23,000 at American Express; \$16,000 at Capital One; four (4) \$10,000 accounts from Citibank; and undisclosed amounts from Discovercard. There were several applications submitted to Discovercard, but they wouldn't tell us how much they were for.

The worst case scenario is that you took about a half an hour of your time to copy your wallet contents. If you ever get robbed [or lose your wallet while shopping], you will be glad you had taken that little bit of your time.

God bless you and yours.

If you have anything you want included in the Twenty-Six news, please phone me at 606-725-5200.

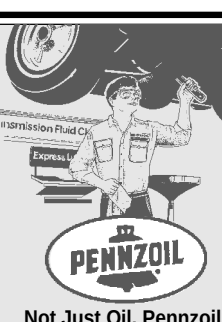
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The park will hold various nature programs about birds on Saturday, Dec. 13, including building a bluebird box, a hike to see birds and a night hike to listen for owls. On Sunday, the actual bird count will be held at 9 a.m. as part of Audubon's 108th Christmas Bird Count.

The data collected throughout the day will help naturalists gain

a better understanding of the numbers and species of birds that call Natural Bridge home in the winter.

Dress for the weather and bring a pair of binoculars if you have them. You can also help count by watching bird feeders from the park's dining room. For more information, contact Park Naturalist Brian Gasdorf at Brian.Gasdorf@ky.gov or (606) 663-2214 x2104. The event is free; a fee is charged for the bird-house class.

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Beef body condition scores good indicators of herd health

Early winter is an optimum time to prepare your spring-calving herd for reproductive success. Adequate nutrition from about 50 to 80 days prior to calving is critical to maximizing a cow's ability to rebreed and maintain a 365-day calving interval. If a cow gets inadequate nutrition or is thin at calving and breeding, she will take longer to come into heat and will require more services to conceive.

The best method to evaluate the nutritional status of your herd is to do body condition scores. A body condition score is an estimate of the degree of body fatness of an animal, which gives us an estimate of the amount of body energy reserves available to the cow. Scores range from 1 to 9, with 1 meaning a cow is emaciated or extremely thin, while a 9 is an animal that is extremely obese. Beef producers should train themselves to identify cows that are too thin, cows that are marginal and cows that have an optimal body condition score for rebreeding. Body condition scoring is a tool to help plan your supplemental feeding program so you can maintain adequate productivity in your herd.

You can determine body condition score by looking at the degree of sharpness or thinness in several areas of the cow's body. The ribs and backbone are two primary regions you need to examine to help establish body condition score. Other important areas are the tailhead, shoulder and brisket regions of the cow. In general, cows with more fat appear smoother in these areas to the point that individual bones are difficult to see.

Cows that are too thin, scores of 3 or less, have easily identifiable fore and rear ribs, sharpness across the backbone, sharpness over the hook and pin bones near the tailhead and sharpness across the shoulders. These cows need to gain approximately 150-200 pounds before calving if you want

them to rebreed in a timely fashion.

Cows that are borderline have a body condition score of 4. These cows have easily identifiable 12th and 13th ribs, but their fore ribs are covered. The backbone and hooks and pins are still prominent but are not sharp in appearance. The shoulders are less defined. These cows need to gain about 75 to 100 pounds before breeding season.

Cows that are in optimal body condition have scores of 5 or 6 and have a good overall appearance. No ribs are visible unless the animal has been shrunk. The backbone, hooks and pins appear rounded and not easily seen and the area around the tailhead is filled in but not mounded. These cows simply need to maintain their weight until calving.

Research has shown that cows with scores less than 5 at calving have lower pregnancy rates and take longer to rebreed than cows with scores of 5 or higher. The optimum body condition score for mature cows is a 5 or 6. Heifers that are calving their first calf need to have a score of at least 6 to maximize rebreeding success.

The best way to use body condition scoring is sort cows according to their score at 90-100 days before calving and feed these groups according to their score and nutrient needs to optimize reproduction. Each body condition score typically represents 75 to 100 pounds of body weight. Analyze your feedstuffs so that you can accurately balance rations to meet the needs of each group of cows. This method not only ensures adequate breeding potential of your cowherd, but is also an efficient method of supplying nutrients to your cows.

For more information on scoring body condition in your cowherd, contact Sarah Fannin, County Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources at the Morgan County Cooperative Extension Service, 743-3292.

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The Library and the MSU Regional Enterprise Center will be having their annual Pictures With Santa event on December 18th. Pictures will be taken and printed from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

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By Faye Ferguson

Dec. 8--Our sympathy goes out to all who have lost loved ones, the Donald Ray Elam family, his wife and children. May God bless you. We have known Donald and his wife a long time. Virgil worked in West Liberty with him. He was a dear friend to him. He will be missed by everyone.

We got news that Rev. Clarence Watson, of Ezel, passed away. We were very sorry to hear this. He was such a good man. May God bless that family.

Our sympathy also goes out to Elizabeth Endicott and family. Elizabeth lost her brother, Mr. Jasper Baker, on Nov. 26 after a short illness. Jasper was a resident of Huntington, West Virginia, formerly of Wolfe County. May God bless that family. Elizabeth has been on the sick list also. Get well wishes to her. She has been a good friend to the family for a long time.

Our grandbaby has been real sick. She is better at this time. Thank God. She is a little doll. We love her so much.

Our daughter, Sandra, is so sick. Get well wishes to her, also our grandson, Codie Manning, had chicken pox. He is better at this time.

I write and call checking on my sister in Ohio. She is not well at all. We also hear often from Virgil's brother, Charlie Ferguson, of Ohio. He has been real bad. We want to say we hope God moves on you, Charlie, and lets you get better.

To Virgil's brother, Bill Ferguson, we hope you and Mildred are ok. We thank you for all the calls to let us hear from you all. We wish you both a Merry Christmas!

We had Thanksgiving dinner with our daughter, Sandra. She sure had a good dinner.

I also saw Dorothy Bailey the other day. She is such a sweet lady.

We also have some friends from Salyersville, Mr. and Mrs. David Fletcher. They are such good people.

I got a beautiful card from The Courier Office. Thanks you all. You have a Merry Christmas.

We didn't go to church last night because of bad roads. We miss going to church but we stay in when it is slick and pray for the ones that have to be on the roads going to work.

I think of the elderly during this cold weather. I pray that all of you stay warm and safe.

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Lt. Gov. promotes linking ATV trails from E. Ky. to W. Ky.

Dec. 3 — Coal-mining counties in Central Appalachia are capitalizing on the region's rough terrain as a tourist attraction for owners of four-wheel-drive and all-terrain vehicles. Now Kentucky Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo is promoting a statewide adventure trail that would connect local trails from the eastern part of the state with the western part.

"We will have something that no one else on earth has. It will transform our economy and especially transfer the economy of rural Kentucky because that is our strength," Mongiardo told state and local leaders this week in Harlan County, reports John Middleton of The Harlan Daily Enterprise.

Mongiardo is a physician from adjoining Perry County and once represented Harlan in the state Senate.

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THESE PRAYERS WE OFFER

Dear God where there is darkness we pray there will be light where ever there's justic may justic be in sight. Where there is great poession, may freedom soon be near. We pray for understanding and too the end of fear where there is utter hopelessness. May hope be born anew. May we show more compassion as you would have us do. Where there is strife and hatred may there be peace, and love. These prayers we humbly offer to you, Dear Lord above.
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Morgan County schools homework hotline numbers are as follows: Morgan County Middle School, 743-8118; East Valley Elementary School, 522-8185; Ezel Elementary School, 725-8208; Morgan Central Elementary School, 743-8433; and West Liberty Elementary School, 743-8427.

Gateway WIA program offering following services

Between the ages of 18-21? Ready to make a difference in your life? The Gateway WIA program is now offering the following services to residents of Morgan and Menifee Counties: Work Readiness Skills, Attending College for short term training, Life skills training, Obtaining work experience, Parenting skills, Financial planning. If interested call Karen at (606) 743-4141, ext. 101 today to see if you qualify.

Attention women ages 40-64

If you are a Kentucky resident, have no insurance, if you have never had a mammogram or it has been two years or more since your last mammogram, you may qualify for a screening and will receive a \$10 Wal Mart card to spend how you wish. Call Morgan County Health Department at 743-3744, and ask for an appointment today!! Funding provided by: Kentucky Cancer Progra, Susan G. Komen and Gateway District Health Department.

Farm equipment for rent to Morgan farm owners

Morgan County Conservation District has for rent an Aerator, two Renovators, an Ag Sprayer, and a fertilizer/lime spreader to farm owners in Morgan County. Please contact the conservation district at (606) 743-3194, if you have any questions about renting this equipment, or stop by the office at 955 Prestonsburg Street, Suite #2, West Liberty, Ky. 41472. C-11-4-2t

Morgan Christian Acad. needs old cell phones and ink cartridges

The Morgan County Christian Academy is collecting used, no longer needed, cell phones and used printer cartridges. The Academy is doing this as an effort to recycle. So please, if you have any used cell phones or ink cartridges, call the school at 743-1824 or drop them off at the school at Index. C-8-23-tf

Henry Cemetery Notice

Donations are needed for the mowing and upkeep of the Henry Cemetery, located at Index. Please send to Pearl Dykes, Treasurer, 334 S. Howard Street, Sabina, Ohio 45169. C-3-27-tf

Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed for the Morgan County History Museum. We need volunteers that can work a few hours a week at the museum. Days needed are Tuesday and Friday. We are open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Any help will be appreciated. C-1-31-tf

Saturday night services at Zag Community Ch.

Church services are held on the first Saturday of each month at Zag Community Church, located one mile off Hwy. 519 on Hwy. 976. The pastor, Bro. Donald Cox, assistant pastor, Bro. J.R. Keeton, and congregation invite everyone to come out and join us. Services start at 7 p.m. C-6-5-TF

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Anti-drug groups monthly meetings

Local anti-drug groups meet the first Wednesday of every month in the county government building's fiscal court room at the following times: ASAP, 12 p.m.; UNITE, 1 p.m.; and Champions, 2 p.m. The public is invited to attend these meetings and participate in group activities. C-5-15-TF

AA meetings slated for each Sunday evening

AA meetings are being held each Sunday at 8 p.m. in the conference room at the county government building. For more information or directions, call 606-743-1210.

21st Century Drama Pgm. begins rehearsals at the Middle School

Morgan County Middle School's 21st Century Drama Program has begun meeting to begin its fall production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." The program targets all Morgan County students K-12. Rehearsals will be held every Monday and Tuesday from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. The performance date will be December 4. For more information, contact Pam Rowland at 743-8102.

Flu vaccine available at local Health Department

Flu vaccine available at Morgan County Health Department beginning October 1. The cost per each vaccination is \$20. Medicare, Medicaid, or Humana insurance is accepted by the health department. For appointment, phone 743-3744.

Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed for the Morgan County History Museum. We need volunteers that can work a few hours a week at the museum. Days needed--Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We are open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Any help will be appreciated. C-8-16-tf

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Notice of Approval of the CSBG Plan

Gateway Community Action's Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program's annual Plan and Budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year has been approved. CSBG is a statewide initiative sponsored by Community Action Kentucky in partnership with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. The CSBG Plan and Budget is available for public inspection at your local outreach office: Bath County (606) 674-2502, Menifee County (606) 768-2369, Montgomery County (859) 498-5345, Morgan County (606) 743-3133, or Rowan County (606) 784-7735.

Christmas dinner planned at Wells Chapel Dec. 20

The First Church of God, at Wells Chapel, will be having a Christmas dinner and gospel singing Saturday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. New Mountain Harmony will be featured. Come out and enjoy prayer, testimony, singing and worship with us. C-10-2-8t

Service times at Seventh Day Adventist Church

The Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1266 E. Main Street, in Jackson, meets at 10 a.m. for Saturday worship, and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday for Bible Study. Everyone welcome.

Tom's Branch Church Christmas Play Dec. 13

The Tom's Branch Church would like to invite everyone to their Christmas Play, "Christmas Shoes", Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. C-11-20-4t

Christmas pgm. at Faith Baptist Church Dec. 14

There will be a children's Christmas program 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Everyone is invited to attend. C-12-4-2T

Bible Study at Emanuel Family Circle on Wed.

Emanuel Family Circle Church is having a very good Bible study on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fellowship and study with us. We are studying in The Gospel according to Matthew. Emanuel Family Church is located off of Ky. 706, Eldridge Branch Road. Ira Smith, pastor. C-12-4-2t

Sept. blood drawing netted 77 units; next drawing set Dec. 11

The September 11th blood drawing registered 88 and 77 units of blood were drawn. The largest group came from Mountain Telephone. Those earning medals were:

Peter Brandt, 8 gal.; Jonathan Lykins, 8 gal.; Larry Day, 6 gal.; David Leach, 4 gal.; David Easterling, 3 gal.; Steven Davis, 2 gal.; Ella Conley, 2 gal.; James L. Conley, 2 gal.; Bridget Murphy, 1 gal.; and Gregory Tipton, 1 gal.

Those giving doubled were Steven Davis, Jonathan Lykins, Tommy Conley, and Stanley Hill. The next drawing is Thursday, Dec. 11. More donors are needed in Morgan County. "Without the shedding of blood there's no remission of sins."

Salvation Army collections in progress

The local unit of the Salvation Army began in November for this holiday season. With the economy in trouble, the need will be even greater than in past years. The majority of money collected last year was given to people who couldn't pay utility bills and for some who lost their homes or had damaged homes from fires. We were able to assist 84 people.

If you really would like to be blessed, volunteer to help set up the stations and ring the bells. You will be blessed beyond anything you can imagine. Last year we had five churches participating in the bell ringing and we need many more volunteers. When you hear the familiar bells and see the red bucket and stand, please give generously. If you would like to be a volunteer, gather some friends from your church and let them also receive a blessing! Call 743-3255 to be listed as a volunteer. C-12-4-3t

Bless The Lord Radio Ministry schedules

Bless The Lord Ministry radio program can be heard each Thursday mning at 10 a.m. on WLKS 1450 on your radio dial. Pastor Gary Fields of West Liberty-Glenn Avenue Church of God will be bringing the message. To begin your day, turn your radio on, pour yourself a hot cup of coffee or hot chocolate, get your Bible ready and listen to the word of Good and worship the Lord.

If you don't have a home church, we welcome you to join us each week. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 11 a.m. with Children's Church downstairs during morning worship. (we have a wonderfully blessed youth minister); Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday evening Bible Study at 7 p.m. For more information, feel free to call 743-2632 or 743-4161. C-11-27-TF

Donations being solicited for Children's Christmas Fund

The Morgan County Law Enforcement Children's Christmas Fund will be in the upcoming week visiting local businesses and asking for their support for this year's Christmas season. We are working with local government agencies to obtain listings of less fortunate children who need our help in providing them with a more joyful holiday. Our goal is to provide presents to approximately 100 or more children, ages 3-4, who will not be helped by local school holiday programs. Our intention is to give these children that are selected a \$20-\$25 present and provide a dinner for them and their family that will be served on December 20. We have raised several hundred dollars throughout the year but could use the community's support in helping us reach this goal. Individuals throughout the community who wish to help with this can stop by the Bank of the Mountains and make their donations to our fund. Checks can be made to "MCLECCF". Thank you for your support to this cause. C-11-20-4t

Missionary Prayer Band meeting is re-scheduled

The Morgan County Missionary Prayer Band will re-schedule the December meeting. We want to meet on the second Sunday, the 14th, at 5:30 p.m., in the Index Community Church. Please take time to remember the missionaries that are not at home with family during the Christmas season. C-12-4-2t

Two For One to sing at Tom's Branch Ch. Dec. 14

Two For One will be singing at Tom's Branch Community Church on Sunday, Dec. 14, during the 11 a.m. worship service. The pastor, Bro. Jeff Montgomery, and congregation invites everyone. C-12-4-2t

Open request to local churches

Open request to all churches, organizations, and individuals in the Eastern Kentucky area. It is that time of the year when everyone has their hand out, even the Red Cross, and we know the dollar only goes so far, especially with the economy the way it is. But we still ask for things for out troops overseas who won't be home for Christmas this year. Little things that could mean a lot, like Christmas cards. Our goal is to get over 1,000 cards for the 201st Engr BN, but without your help we won't even come close.

Why this unit? Well most of the men and women come from the counties we support under the Mid-East Kentucky Chapter. Had we names and addresses of others we would send them things as well. During the last four years we have gotten things from various groups and individuals which make us able to continue to send care packages. But we have ran short of items to send and our budget has run even shorter for this and other things we need.

If you have a quantity of items you would like to donate but can't get them to us, we will come and get them. Canned or packaged candy, chewing gum, Little Debbie snacks, cookies, cocoa mix, moon pies, nuts, ramen noodles, dried fruit, trail mix, meat items, Slim Jims, jerky, hot sauce, lip balm, baby wipes, tube socks, writing pads, batteries AAA, AA, C, D, and 9 volt, tobacco products, and Christmas cards.

Sincerely, Daniel Leland Mid-East Ky. Chapter American Red Cross 450 Prestonsburg St. West Liberty, Ky. 41472 (606) 743-2296

Fellowship dinner set at Tom's Branch Ch.

There will be a Christmas fellowship dinner at Tom's Branch Community Church on Saturday, Dec. 20, beginning at 5 p.m. A visit from Santa, and a gift exchange will take place at 7 p.m. The pastor, Bro. Jeff Montgomery, and congregation invite everyone to attend. C-12-4-3t

Breakfast at Newcombe Valley Ch. set Dec. 13th

Newcombe Valley Enterprise Baptist Church, located on Ky. 706, will be having our Second Saturday Breakfast, Saturday morning, Dec. 13, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone is invited and welcome to come and eat a free breakfast while fellowshiping with us. C-12-4-2t

Attention Morgan County Veterans

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the Morgan County Office Building, in West Liberty, on Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. until noon (third Tuesday of each month until further notice). Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for Federal and State veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free 1-866-244-8970 to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

Christmas play at Sandfield Ch. Dec. 13

Sandfield Community Church congregation will present a Christmas play entitled "Free At Last" on Saturday, Dec. 13, beginning at 7 p.m. The pastor, Bro. Mike Brooks, and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Holiday closings at Commercial Bank

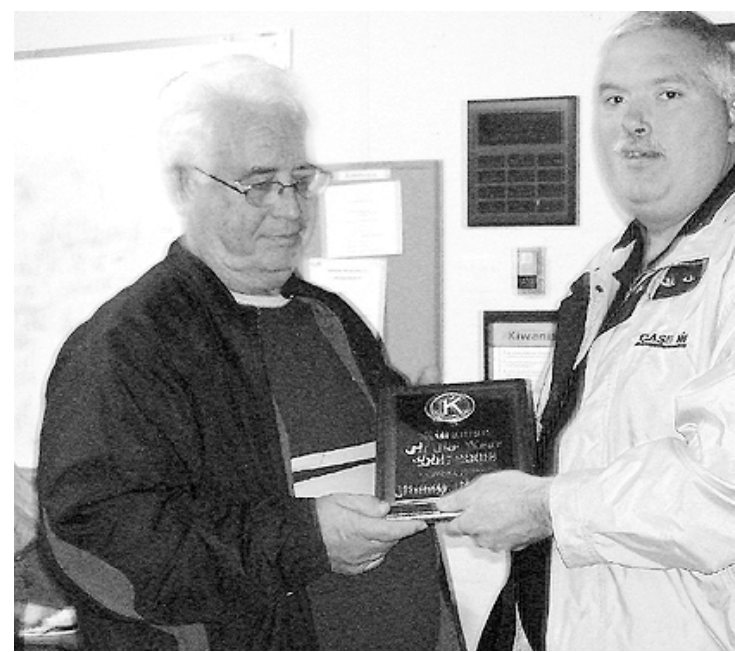
Commercial Bank will be closed Christmas day, Thursday, Dec. 25, and Thursday, Jan. 1, in observance of the New Year's holiday. C-12-11-3t

Christmas play at Zag Com. Church Dec. 14th

Zag Community Church will be having its annual Christmas Play, "A Vision Of Hope", on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. the pastor, Bro. Donald Cox, and assistant pastor, Bro. J.R. Keeton, invite everyone to attend. There will be food served in the fellowship hall following the play.

Candlelight service at Walnut Grove Church

There will be a candlelight service at Walnut Grove Community Church, in Elliott County, on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. There will be special singing by Two For One. The pastors, Scott Litton and Eddie Keeton, invite everyone to attend.



Outstanding Kiwanian
Jim Puckett, left, is presented a plaque designating him Outstanding Kiwanian of the Year by outgoing club president, Tim Conley.

Bush administration eases mountaintop mining rules

Revokes parts of water quality rule by allowing dredge-and-fill permits

Dec. 3 — The Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday approved a last-minute rule change by the Bush administration that environmentalists fear will lead to coal companies burying more Appalachian streams with excess rock and dirt from surface mining.

The rule proposed by the Interior Department and its Office of Surface Mining was revised at EPA's request, but will still "revoke parts of a key water quality rule that could have been used [in lawsuits or action by the Obama administration] to limit the burial of streams by mountaintop-removal coal-mining operations."

The old "buffer zone" rule, enacted 25 years ago, bans mining activities within 100 feet of streams, including those that occasionally dry up. That complicates mountaintop-removal mining, which deposits the rock and dirt from the mined area in fills at the heads of hollows, or narrow valleys below the mined ridges. Federal and state agencies routinely grant coal companies variances from the rule, supposedly by showing that they won't "adversely affect the water quantity and quality, or other environmental resources of the stream," as the current rule states.

Under the final version of the new rule, EPA would consider mining valley fills in compliance with water quality standards if mining operators obtained "dredge-and-fill" permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "But the standard for obtaining such a permit allows a greater level of damage than would be

Uniform maker closes plants at Owingsville and Hazard

OWINGSVILLE — Cintas Corp., which makes uniforms for businesses, announced last week it will close two Kentucky plants — one in Owingsville, the other in Hazard — on Jan. 31, throwing nearly 300 employees out of a job.

The plant in Owingsville, which has 156 employees, makes uniform work pants. The plant in Hazard, which has 142 employees, makes uniform work shirts.

According to Cintas spokesperson, Heather Trainer, over the past two years, there's been a steady decline in the demand for the work uniforms made at the two plants.

The uniforms made in Owingsville and Hazard are shipped to distribution centers. When the two plants close, the garments will be manufactured at other Cintas locations.

Trainer said the bad economy has forced some businesses that order uniforms from Cintas to close. Other businesses have stopped ordering work uniforms for new employees.

"The company really consid-

Bath County's Tater Knob Fire Tower damaged in blaze

MOREHEAD — A fire of unknown origin burned the cab of Tater Knob Fire Tower, located on the Daniel Boone National Forest in Bath County. Tater Knob was the last remaining fire toward on the national forest and is listed in the National Historic Lookout Register. The tower is currently unsafe and the area is closed to the public.

The tower was built in 1934 by the CCC. The structure on top was rebuilt in 1959. This fire toward was staff daily during the fire season from 1934 until the early 1970s. In 1993, the toward was restored and opened to the

permitted under OSM's previous version of the buffer zone rule." The new rule "would also require coal operators to minimize fills and consider alternatives."

According to Juliet Eilperin of The Washington Post, "A senior administration official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the rule has not been published, said new safeguards in the regulation will reduce the amount of waste deposited in Appalachian mountain waterways and is 'going to impose costs on the coal industry.' But coal officials, who had lobbied for the change, said it would not burden the industry and would help protect Appalachia's 14,000 mountaintop-mining jobs."

The Obama administration could try to overturn the new rule, which would be a complicated and lengthy process. "Obama's transition team declined to comment on its plans on Tuesday," the Herald-Leader reports. Another option would be for opponents to go through the courts. Opponents have argued that the rule change is illegal. Also, the administration could propose a broader regulation or legislation that would place new limits on mountaintop removal, a step Obama has said he favors.

The governors of Kentucky and Tennessee asked EPA to reject the new rule, but Kentucky state legislators, including several from coal-mining regions, sent their own letter to the EPA supporting the change. The state's Democratic congressmen opposed the rule, and Rep. Ben Chandler, D-Versailles, said yesterday, "This decision ignores Kentucky's landscape and merely rewards bad behavior."

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ers this to be a last resort," Trainer said. "It just came to a point that we had no other choices."

Cintas has about eight other operations in Kentucky, including two in Lexington (about 170 employees), two in Louisville (225 employees) and one in Ashland (130 employees). Trainer said workers who are laid off in Owingsville and Hazard will be encouraged to apply for open positions at other locations.

Cintas will offer severance pay, continued health care coverage and an on-site job center at each plant. The people who are laid off will retain their vested holdings in the Cintas Partners Plan, which includes profit-sharing, 401(k) contributions and an employee stock-ownership program.

The announcement that Cintas would close comes on the heels of another plant closing in Owingsville, where Key Electronics, headquartered in Jeffersonville, Ind., closed its plant and 37 employees were laid off.

public, with the help of the Tater Knob Fire Toward Restoration Committee, the Kentucky Bicentennial Commission, the Bath County Historical Society, the Frenchburg Job Corps Center, the Forest Service and many volunteers who donated their time, expertise and money.

Forest Service personnel will meet with the media 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Clear Creek Market Parking lot. From Salt Lick, take KY-211 south four miles, turn left (east) on Forest Road 129, go approximately one mile and turn right into the parking lot.

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